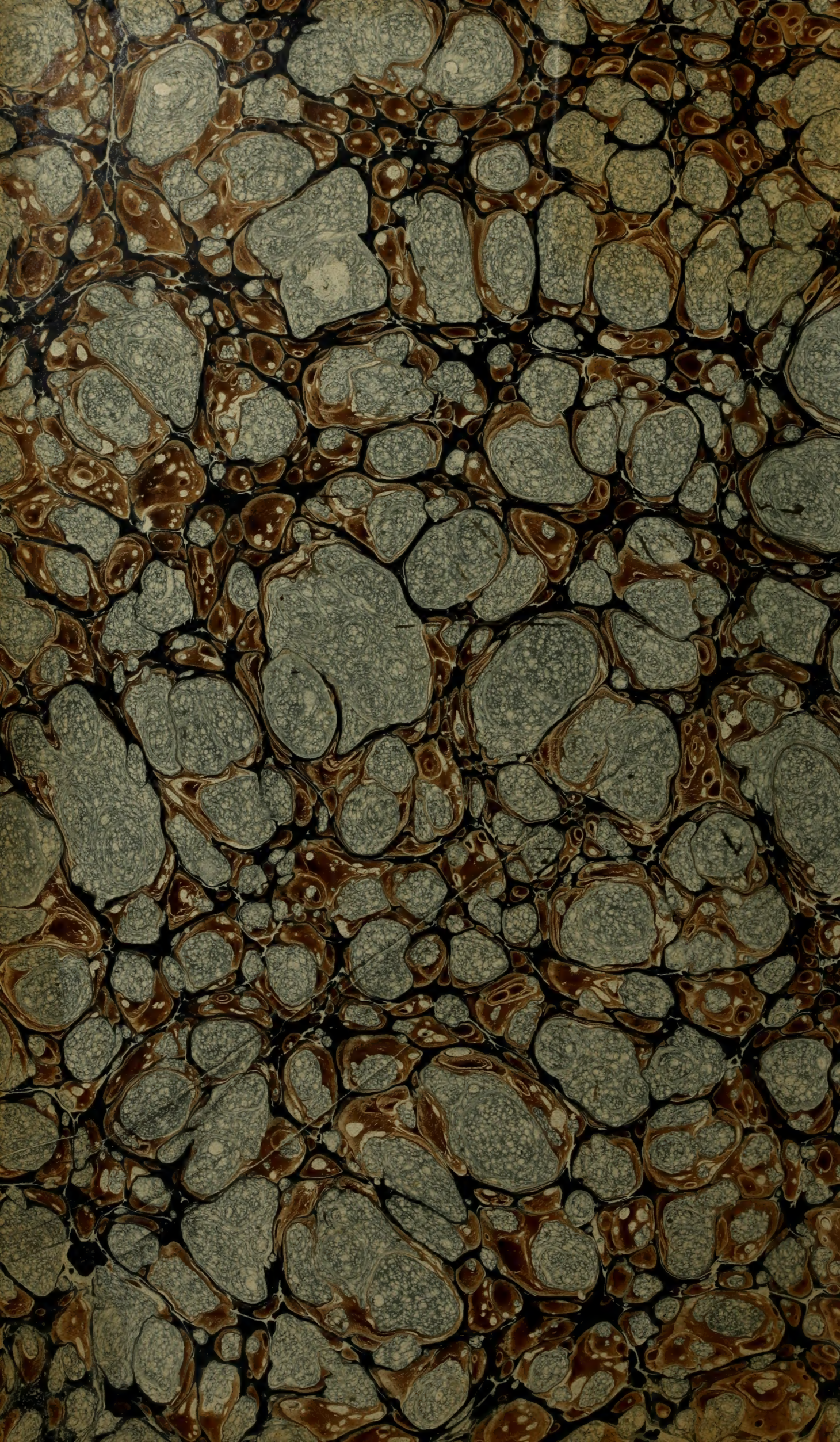
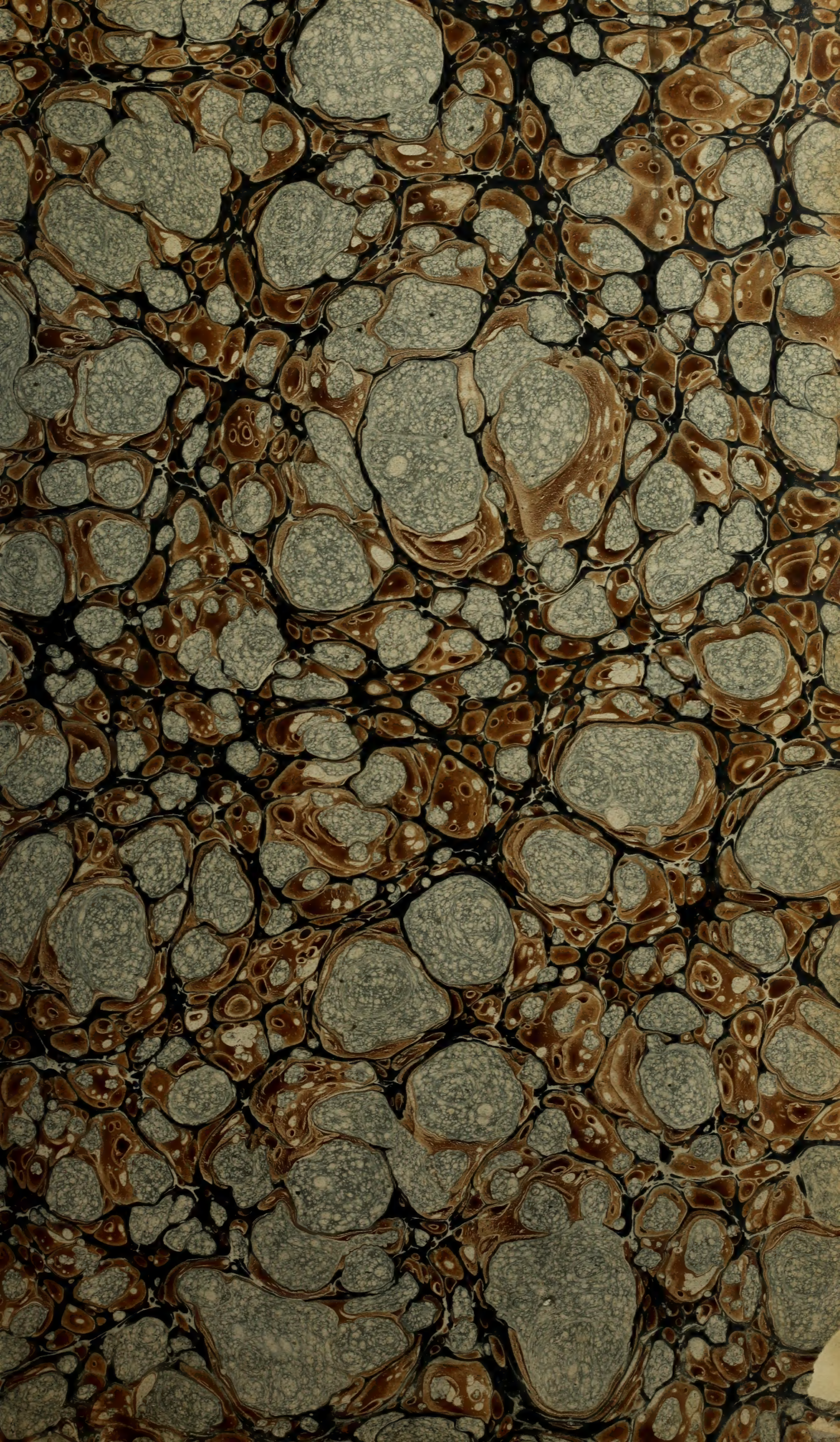








Chelmsford, Mass

(1841)

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Report of the Committee concerning the
Damage sustained by the Locks & Canal Co.

The Committee that was appointed at a former meeting to take measures to recover damages of the Locks & Canal Company in Lowell for flowing out the road through Hildering Village, have attended to that duty and submit the following reports

Your Committee, immediately after their appointment called on Mr. Tilden the then agent for said Company, and after representing to him on behalf of the Town the damages sustained by the Town in consequence of a dam being thrown across Merrimack river by said Company, he replied, that he had lately been appointed agent for the Company, and that he had had no opportunity to know any thing about the river, or the road; that he would attend to it and make inquiry and examine them, and if it appeared to him that the water flowed in consequence of the dam so as to injure the road, that he was willing, as the Company was willing to pay all reasonable damages without further trouble -

He did come and examine the road when the water was low, and he said that he could not see how the road could be injured by the river, therefore he could not admit any damages until he was further satisfied.

He then requested us to notify him when the water was high that he might the better satisfy himself - Therefore, there not having been any great freshets from that time till the last winter, your Committee waited till that time, and then called on the agent for said Company, now Mr. Bootland and he came up and examined the road, and he said he would not admit, that the road was injured in the least in consequence of the dam.

Since that time we have taken considerable pains to ascertain what evidence we could procure in favour of the Town and we have come to the conclusion that the Town has a good claim against the Company, and that there can sufficient evidence be procured by the Town to support an action against the Company.

We have also taken counsel on the subject, & he gave his opinion that the Town has a claim & a good claim against the Company.

Your Committee, therefore, if the Town are determined to pursue their claim against the Company, ask for further instructions, otherwise to be discharged from further service.

Which is respectfully submitted.

Stamford April 5th 1841

Stephen Spalding

Joseph Bowers

Sherebrial Spalding

Committee

Accepted April 5th 1841

Report

of the Committee on the Alms house

The Committee appointed at the last Town Meeting to examine the Alms-house, in order to ascertain what course it may be necessary to pursue in relation thereto, having attended to that duty report as follows—

On examination they found the outside of the house in a much better condition than was anticipated—The walls on the backside having been recently shingled & the clap boards on the front & ends in tolerably good condition—The roof they found to be comfortably tight, having been newly shingled within a few years, with the exception of a part of the front side, which it may probably be necessary to repair in the course of 4 or 5 years—The timbers of the house, so far as could be ascertained, were found to be sound and good, with the exception of the beam side sill & a part of that of one end—

The inner side of the house, they found to be in quite different state from the outer one. The apartments on the ground floor, they found to be tolerably comfortable & convenient, with the exception of the northeasterly room or rooms. But on ascending the stairs, your Committee were struck with astonishment at the calculation, or rather, as it seemed to them, the want of calculation manifested in the construction of this story. It appeared to have been commenced without any design and ended without any execution. They found, in the back part of this story, 3 small rooms which had been formed by raising up, or adding another story to this part of the house, apparently within a few years: These rooms were entirely without any inside finish excepting a single board partition dividing the apartments, and no provision for warming either. They also found the Southeasterly Chamber divided into two apartments with no means of warming either. On entering the Southwesterly Chamber they found ^{on close inspection} a hole ^{in the wall} it could not be called a fireplace in which wood might be placed. The room, in other respects in a comfortable condition. There are in all, six apartments in this story, with no possible means of warming but one and that very indifferently. On due reflection / taking into consideration all the circumstances in connexion, the condition of the farm - the house & other buildings / your Committee can not recommend, at this time, either the building of a new house or any very extensive repairs on the old. They think, that, by plaistering the northeasterly room on the ground & 1st overhead, & putting in a stove - and plaistering the 3 back chambers, and making some alterations in the southeast Chamber; and putting in stoves in both the front Chambers, with a few other trifling repairs, the house may be rendered tolerably comfortable & convenient for several years.

They have estimated the expense of these repairs here recommended at about 100, dollars

If it should be thought advisable to put in the new sill on the backside & easterly end, it would probably add something like \$20, to the expense before estimated - They would add, that, in their opinion the saving in fuel, should these alterations & repairs be made, would, in 2 years equal, if not exceed the expense here estimated -

Respectfully submitted by

S. F. Wood

E. F. Webster

Olin Adams

Committee

Accepted April 5th 1841

Reviewed by E. F. Webster Town Clerk

Report of the School Committee 1840-1841

In conformity to the laws of this Commonwealth, the School Committee make the following Report.

So far as expediency would seem to warrant / under existing circumstances / and Customary usage admit, your Committee have endeavored to discharge their duties, the past year with fidelity & efficiency. And they have the pleasure of expressing their belief that their labours have not been wholly in vain. With one or two exceptions they feel gratified in being able to say, that the several districts have been more fortunate in securing the services of faithful, competent teachers, and the schools generally, have been more prosperously conducted the past year, than in any other which has fallen under the cognizance of the Committee. And it is still further gratifying to say, that, in no instance have the Committee, as such, been called upon to settle any difficulties occurring in any of the schools during the year just closed, which, on alluding to past events, is truly a subject of thankful recurrence.

It has been customary, in making these annual reports, to particularise each district, to point

out excellencies and defects in each School, and in some instances, to draw comparisons between the Schools.

But we feel at liberty this year to depart in some measure from this custom, and shall leave a majority of the Schools with the foregoing general remarks.

Justin, however, will not admit of our thus dispensing with all. There are two districts, /No. 6, & 10, / in which the money appropriated for the summer term in one, /No. 10, / and the winter term in the other, has been but little better than thrown away. Although the cause of the failure in these districts may be attributed, in a great measure, to local mismanagement, yet, your committee will not attempt to exonerate themselves from participating in a share of the blame.

They freely admit, that they were not sufficiently cautious in the examination & approval of the teachers in these districts, and, although circumstances might be named in extenuation of their fault, still it was a fault. There are three or four other schools which cannot be passed over without further notice. The winter schools in districts No. 1, 3, & 7, /and did not delicacy on the part of one of the committee forbid, another might be added / have, we think, been more prosperously conducted, and made greater proficiency than any other in the town; but we will not attempt to designate which of these has been the most so, should a comparison be made however, between all the schools, during the year, the palm perhaps, would belong to No. 1, though No. 3, & 7, might contest this award with a very good grace.

These remarks would have been withheld, had not some of these schools, more especially the winter school in district No. 1, received a pretty severe castigation from the committee last year.

During the year, two School Houses have undergone thorough & efficient repairs. There are yet others which need repairs, and two at least, which if they should be焚ished by fire they would suffer little loss, as what is truly valuable might

is retained in gathering up the ashes. - We refer to
Nos. 5, & 6.

As the committee have no other suggestions to make
relative to School Houses, than what has already been
made in former reports, and as there has been no essen-
tial variation in the manner of conducting the
schools the past year from the immediately preceding
years, they cannot think it necessary or useful to
prolong this report by entering into any further de-
tails concerning these subjects. But, as the present
Board has declined serving this year, (having already
served longer than in their opinion, was prudent or
desirable for any one board to serve in succession)
they feel more at liberty, and consequently ask
the privilege to make a few remarks on the nature
and effect of our present school laws. -

It is not presumed that an individual can be found,
even among the most strenuous advocates of our present
school system, who supposes that the system itself is
perfect, that the laws are not susceptible of amend-
ment, or that in all their provisions they are ^{directly} calcu-
lated to aid the cause they were intended to foster. -

If there are any such, your committee are decidedly
not of that number. - There are some provisions in
that law, which, for the honor of humanity, we would
hope that an occasion for their enforcement might
never exist; and even if it should exist, it is very
questionable whether prudence or sound policy would
ever require their execution. We refer more particu-
larly to one of the coercive provisions, relative to
the purchase of books. But we have not the least
hesitancy in expressing our full conviction, of the
benevolent intentions of those who enacted the
law. And from experience, we as fully believe
that if the law was suffered, peacefully & cheerfully
to go into operation, its salutary & benevolent effects,
would be fully commensurate with the intentions of
its framers. - That we may have an opportunity
to render a reason for our opinion, let us examine

a few of the provisions of the law & some of the objections urged against it. The 10. Sec. of the 28. Chap. of the Revised Statutes makes it obligatory on towns to "Choose a School Committee of 3, 5, or 7 persons, who shall have the general charge and superintendence of all the public Schools in such town". And the 13. Sec. provides that this Committee "shall require full & satisfactory evidence of the good moral character of all instructors, who may be employed in the schools, and shall ascertain by personal examination, their literary qualifications & capacity for the government of Schools". Is there any thing wrong, any thing arbitrary, or subversive of the rights of any individual in these requisitions? Can it be detrimental to the inhabitants of any town or School district, that the instructors of their children should be required to be persons of good moral character, or be capable of teaching & governing them with wisdom & propriety? Or, rather are not these requisitions just what the importance of the subject requires that they should be? It is admitted by all, that, so far as instructors are concerned, this is all right, but it is objected, that, to oblige towns to choose a town committee is imposing on them a useless burthen and expense, as the Prudential Committee, it is said, can discharge all the duties of the town's committee with equal skill & satisfaction without the attendant expense. It is freely admitted that the Prudential Committee have the same means of judging on the moral character of teachers that the Town's Committee have; but can it be said that they have, generally the same means of ascertaining the literary qualifications & capacity for governing and managing our schools, & advising & assisting the teachers? If it may be said that there are individuals to be found in most of the districts who are thus capable, are there such in all? And if there are, is it reasonable to suppose that they would always or even generally be elected or serve as Committee? Reason and experience both answer no.

Another clause of this law (and one with which the committee of this town have never been able to carry

intended effect / requires that the town's committee shall direct what books shall be used in the schools.

It is again objected to on account of the expense it will incur by multiplying school books and causing their too frequent change. Now one moment's reflection will discount to any candid mind, that this is exactly what this provision is directly calculated to remedy, and was designed to prevent. Take away this provision and the duty of selecting & ordering what kinds of books shall be used in the schools, must, of necessity, devolve either on the teacher or the Parent. If it fall on the teacher, our pupils are opened & left at the mercy of the whims, the caprices, the early attachment, and usage of every new tyro who enters our school rooms: And if left to Parents, we shall have as many different kinds of books, or nearly so, as there are different scholars to carry them. So that, to say nothing of the advantages derived by having a uniformity of books throughout the town, and the great risks we run of having every species of sectarianism ushered into our schools; we shall be gainers even on the score of expense by having this provision strictly enforced —

Another crying evil contained in the school law is said to exist in the provision requiring registers to be kept in all the schools. This is not objected to so much on account of the expense as of the portion of the Teachers Time which it occupies that might be otherwise employed in giving useful instruction.

How often have the Committee been struck with existing confidence in the utter impossibility of their being able to give any satisfactory answer to what rational use can it be to keep a register? —

Without taking the trouble to enumerate the many different kinds of useful information that are gathered up & diffused throughout every part of the state through the medium of Registers, we will rest contented with naming only one single fact.

These School Registers have brought to light

one of the most prominent evils which exist in our schools, and one which has existed from time immemorial & which would have remained undiscovered, or but partially revealed probably for years, if not centuries without their aid, or some other similar contrivance. They have disclosed the astounding fact, that, even in this town, a little more than one fourth part of the money raised for the support of schools is annually lost, actually thrown away, and has been so for years. It is found by consulting these registers that the average attendance of the scholars in all the schools is a fraction less than $\frac{3}{4}$ of the whole number of scholars belonging to the schools, which shows that a fraction more than $\frac{1}{4}$ part of the time allowed for the cultivation of the minds of our children & consequently the same proportional part of the school money is squandered away by the irregular attendance of the scholars. If we extend these enquiries to other towns through the State we find that the proportion materially increases and on the whole taken collectively it exceeds one third. For out of a little more than \$177 thousand dollars raised for the support of schools in the State, more than "200 thousand dollars are annually, directly thrown away by a voluntary abandonment of privileges".

But this enormous waste of money is but an atom in the scale, when weighed against the opportunities neglected which can never be recovered. For is this the extent of the evil; whenever any scholar unnecessarily absent himself from school, or is unnecessarily detained by his parents, not only is so much of his time lost, and, so far it regards him, so much of the school money is lost, but the whole school suffers by ^{the} interruption in the arrangement and progress of the classes. It is confidently hoped that the good citizens of this town will profit by these disclosures, — that they will double their diligence in seeing that their children do not play the truant, or they themselves detain them without good and sufficient reasons. Then, may not we

in our town ask, are there no benefits derived from School Registers?

As these sections of the law, here hastily glanced at contain nearly all the provisions, mostly objected to in this place, we will no longer trespass on your patience for further extracts. It was not the design of the committee to enter into a critical examination of the school law, but only to render a reason for their opinion. It is ^{not} considered that the law needs any laboured defence. All that is required is, that it be generally understood, and the prejudices of the people so far softened as to allow of its going fairly & peaceably into effect.

That this town has received but little benefit, comparatively speaking, from the services of the School Committee is readily granted; and it is as easy to assign the reason, as it is to admit the fact. Whatever allowance may be made, and ought to be made for want of capacity, your committee will not allow any want of integrity or intention on their part, neither can it be fairly said that it is owing to any defect in the law. For it is a well known fact, that, although a large majority of the inhabitants of this town are willing & even desirous that the law should be carried into full effect, yet, on account of the very violent opposition of others it has been impossible to do so. And it is this opposition, this violent & vindictive opposition which has abridged, and greatly abridged the amount of good which otherwise might have emanated from the services of the committee. It has lain like an incubus on all their endeavours, and cramped & palsied all their exertions. It has created and diffused an influence which has extended, & been seen and felt, where, travelling obliges us to believe it was never intended it should have found its way. It has entered our school rooms. And your committee regret to say, yet the truth ought and must be told, that many times when they have been examining the

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to do so, it has been as easy to designate the children of those parents who are opposed to the law, as it would have been, had their foreheads been labelled in roman capitals.

And could those who have created & fostered this influence, this feeling, only have seen its withering effects as the committee have seen it, they would, they must have regretted that they had not been less vindictive in their opposition, and more prudent & guarded in their conversation. Did they but reflect, that, instead of inflicting any punishment on the framers of the law, or those appointed to execute it, - it was misled, everlasting, evils propagated mind, they were wasting, biassing, benumbing and stultifying, the minds of our own children too, they would pause and shudder -

In order to prevent any misapplication of these remarks, we beg leave to say in conclusion, that it is not the opposition to the law a histrionic considered of which we are in trouble of its violence, its vindictiveness. It is not the opinion entertained, but the manner of manifesting and propagating it are opinion. - The right to hold & express opinions on all subjects, on every suitable occasion is inherent to all. - And it is through the exercise of this right that the committee have availed themselves of this opportunity of thus briefly expressing their opinion.

Respectfully Submitted by

Edw. Adams, School Committee

E. F. Webster of Chelmsford

April 5th, 1841

In Town meeting read & accepted.

Voted, That the Committee cause the same to be printed and a copy to be furnished to each family in town

Recorded by

E. F. Webster Town Clerk

Warrant & May 3^d 1841

Widdesey } To wit of the Constables of the
 } Town of Chelmsford — Greeting

L.S. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 L.S. you are hereby directed to notify & warn the Inhab-
 L.S. itants of said Town qualified by the Constitution to
 vote in Elections to meet at the Centre Meeting
 House in said Town on Monday the third day of
 May next at two O'clock P.M. to bring in their
 votes for two County Commissioners, being inhabitants
 of different Towns in said County, and also for one
 Special Commissioner, all on one ballot —

And you are likewise directed to notify the said
 Inhabitants qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet
 at the same time & place to act on the following
 articles to wit —

1st To choose a Moderator.

2^d To hear the reports of any committees that may
 have been appointed and act thereon —

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this
 warrant, with your doings thereon to ourselves at
 or before the time of holding said meeting —

Given under our hands & seals this seventeenth
 day of April A.D. 1841 —

E. F. Webster } Selectmen
 Amos Carlton } of
 Dean Hall } Chelmsford

Widdesey } Town of Chelmsford Feb. 24th 1841
 } Pursuant to the foregoing warrant I have
 notified the Inhabitants of Chelmsford to meet at
 the time, place & for purposes therein expressed by
 posting up copies thereof / by me attested, at the Centre
 meeting house, at Widdesey meeting house, & also at
 Grays Tavern all in said Chelmsford, so that the
 same may stand over two sabbaths at least,
 previous to the time of holding said meeting

To the Gray } Constable of
 } Chelmsford

Witnessed by E. F. Webster Town Clerk

Town of Chelmsford May 3^d 1841.

The Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote for a Representation to the general Court, met at the Centre Meeting house in said Town & brought in their votes for two County Commissioners & a Special Commissioner for the County of Middlesex - The whole number of persons who brought in their votes was ascertained by counting the whole number of separate ballots.

And the whole number of votes for County Commissioners was fifty

And the whole number of votes was sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made in open Town Meeting and were as follows to wit -

Leonard M. Parker of Shirley fifty votes

Seth Davis of Newton fifty votes

The whole number of votes for Special Commissioner was fifty. And the whole number was sorted, counted, recorded & declaration thereof made in open Town meeting & were as follows to wit -

Geo. M. Pike of Stoughton fifty votes

E. F. Webster

Amos Carlton } Selectmen of
Dean Holt } Chelmsford.

After reading the warrant at the foregoing meeting, objection being made to the legality of the notice, (the constable having neglected to post the warrant in all the places specified in the votes of the Town) it was moved, & Voted That the Selectmen proceed & open the Polls & receive the votes -

The Polls were then opened & the foregoing proceedings had -

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk

Town of Chelmsford May 3rd 1841. Pursuant to the warrant the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in town affairs assembled at the Centre Meeting House & proceeded as follows to wit:—

Chose E. F. Webster Moderator

Read the report of the committee on the selection of a piece of land for a place of burial in the northerly part of the town

Voted To accept the report—

Voted That the Selectmen be instructed to view the several pieces of land reported by the Committee aforesaid and make a selection of one of them & report at the next town meeting—

Voted To dissolve the meeting.

E. F. Webster Mod—

Recorded by E. F. Webster T. Clerk—

Report of the committee on the north burying ground

Your committee have attended to the duty assigned them relative to a burying ground at North Chelmsford, & report as follows. In the opinion of your committee, a piece of land owned by William Adams Esq. situated southeasterly of the North Chelmsford Meetinghouse, is the most eligible, but upon application to Mr. Adams he declines to sell.

Your committee have examined another piece, owned by Mr. Tuck, situate Northwesterly of said meeting house, on the Groton road, two acres of which Mr. Tuck will sell to the town for two hundred dollars with the agreement, on the part of the town, to make & support a fence around the same. Your committee have examined one other piece owned by Mr. Benjamin Blood, situate easterly of said meeting house, on the Lowell road, and adjoining land of Mr. Samuel F. Wood, an acre & a half, which Mr. Blood will sell to the town at one hundred dollars an acre, and should the town desire two acres, which, in the opinion of your committee is desirable, Mr. Wood will sell half an acre at the same rate, but with the agreement on the part of the town to make & keep a good fence around the same. The northern side of which is fenced, and will be kept fenced by the Rail Road Corporation.

Your committee know of no other piece of land suitable for a burying ground that can be obtained.

They therefore report, that, in their opinion the Selectmen should be appointed to make a selection from said pieces of land, establish the bounds & take a deed.

Benjamin Blood } Committee
Samuel F. Wood }

Accepted May 3^d 1841

Recorded by E. Webster Town Clerk

School District No. 8 is a. & No 11 established

The committee appointed at a legal Town Meeting holden on the 5th day of April 1841 for the purpose of establishing the divisional line of School district No. 8 in the town of Chelmsford / the said Town, having voted to divide said district into two sexual districts / met at the house of John Gray according to previous notice, & proceeded to establish said divisional line

And the said line by them herib established is as follows - Beginning at a stake & stones standing a few feet southeasterly of an elm tree, standing near the mouth of deep brook, and running southerly to a stone bound which is the bound between land of William Adams & Benjamin Blood - thence on the line between the said Adams & Blood, and between the said Adams and Lincoln Drake to a stone bound standing on the easterly side of the Turnpike - thence across the Turnpike, / continuing the same course as between the two last mentioned bounds, / to the line dividing the said district from School district No. 9.

And that part of the said district No. 8 lying southerly & easterly of the aforesaid bounds is hereafter to be known as School district No. 11.

Chelmsford April 16th 1841

E. F. Webster }
Vincent Carlton } Comm. & Sec
Dean Holt }

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk

A List of all the persons between the ages of 18 & 45, liable to do military duty in the Town of Shelton, and as enrolled in the spring of 1841 on May 20th 1841.

Abbot Freeman F.
 Atwood Horatio
 Adams George
 Austin Daniel F.
 Angier Anson
 Adams Isaac
 Adams Thos. M.
 Adams Joseph 2^d
 Bann Wm A.
 Bann Marcus D.
 Burdick Nathaniel
 Burrows Wm F.
 Bann Stillman
 Bann Stephen L.
 Bann Isaac P.
 Bann Rufus
 Bann John
 Boardman Wm
 Blood Nathaniel
 Burrows James
 Butterfield Joseph
 Ballard James T.
 Blood Caleb.
 Basworth Henry E.
 Blodget Fred. W.
 Bird Charles T.
 Baker Bezabiel S.
 Brannon George
 Blood Joseph
 Britton David B.
 Burns Abner
 Brastow Thomas
 Butterfield Reuben
 Butterfield Jonas C.

Barker Enoch
 Calvert Wm N.
 Cochran Wm R.
 Cobb John
 Campbell John
 Clark Carlos C.
 Coburn John
 Coburn Franklin
 Coder James
 Connolly Wm
 Cowdry Silas H. P.
 Cogswell John
 Chas. L. Joseph
 Carpenter John S.
 Crocker Isaac
 Durant Charles
 Dutton Benjamin
 Dunn William
 Sutton H. P.
 Sedman N. P.
 Sedman Nathan
 Dutton Henry W.
 Sutton Elbridge
 Dresser Benjamin S.
 Dunn John
 Durant Thomas
 Gwinnett Caleb
 Davidson John
 Daily Terrence
 Dexter Butchell W.
 Drake Nathaniel Jr.
 Dexter Isaac
 Daily George
 Day Silas

Wm. Hall 1894

Howard Joseph L.
 Howard Hiram
 Howard Samuel
 Hariman Israel
 Hunker Gilman
 Harwood Ellis H.
 Hedges Benj. F.
 Hutchins Oliver
 Hail Durins
 Hartwell George H.
 Horn Wm P.
 Johnson John
 Joseph Benjamin
 Johnson William
 Johnson Horace
 Johnson Thomas
 Kemmer William M.
 Ridder Linvi
 Kenney George H.
 King Samuel
 Rhodes John
 Reyes Stephen
 Larcom Jonathan
 Libbey James
 Littlehale John
 Lull John M.
 Louering Silver
 Marshall Joshua
 Miller Justin
 Manger George
 Morse Samuel B.
 Morse Sergeant D.
 Mason Jonathan
 Mc Kenney Patrick
 Mansfield Leonard J.
 Mansfield Asaph
 Mansfield Jeremiah C.
 Marshall Eben. H.

Meader George B.
 Mellen Robert
 Marshall B. P.
 Marshall Rufus W.
 Marshall Joseph
 McIntire Levi
 McIntire Warren
 McIntire Solomon
 M'Graw John
 Mahan James
 Mutt Eldridge Jr.
 Volke James
 Maynard J. P.
 Meacham John
 Putnam Isaac
 Parker Henry
 Parker Charles
 Parkhurst Saml. S.
 Proctor Charles
 Purr Wm S.
 Parkhurst Sewall
 Prentiss Charles B.
 Parkhurst Heretiah
 Proctor Simon B.
 Parker Samuel
 Pratt Oliver H.
 Pratt Joshua
 Pratt Lowell
 Parkhurst John 2^d
 Packard Orrin
 Plamuel George
 Pratt William
 Pierce Josiah B.
 Perkins Jesse S.
 Pike James Jr.
 Pierce Jonathan
 Parmenier John
 Parker Thomas

Parker Artemas Jr.
 Rockwell James
 Richardson James
 Richardson George
 Richardson Josiah
 Richardson Elijah Jr.
 Swetsen Charles
 Shea Joseph
 Smith Jacob B.
 Spalding Eldridge Jr.
 Spalding Eldridge P.
 Spalding Isaac
 Spalding John
 Spalding Ephm P.
 Stephen Allen
 Stearns Stephen
 Smith John H.
 Stevens Emerson
 Smith Ebenezer
 Shaw Elisha
 Sweet William
 Stevens George W.
 Spafford William W.
 Spalding William W.
 Smead Joseph B.
 Spalding Augustus E.
 Silver Henry
 Schism John
 Tainter Lewis
 Thomas Marcus
 Torrey John
 Trask Thomas L.
 Todd Josiah D.
 Town Henry P.
 Lookhakee Charles Jr.
 Upham Ezra A.
 Upham Clement
 Woodward Ephm W.

(Militia roll contd 1841)

Walker Isaac

Walker Benjamin

Wilson Benjamin F

Wilson John Jr

Wither George

Woodward John

Woodward George W.

Woodward Horace H.

Williams Seth

Williams James

Wentworth Stephen M.

Wheeler John

Wright William

Wright Melrose

Wright John

Wright Nathaniel

Wright John W.

Wright Calvin T.

Making the number of 234

C. F. Webster Aggros

Amos Carlton Jr

Dean Gott Chalmers

A copy of the foregoing List was returned to the
Adjutant General, office in the month of June as the
law directs

W.H.M.

C. F. Webster Town Clerk

Nov. 8th 41

Warrant for Election &c. 1841.

Middlesex ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of
Chelmsford. — — — — —

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
you are hereby required to notify the Inhabitants
of Chelmsford, qualified by the Constitution to vote
in Elections, to meet at the Centre Meeting house in said
Town, on Monday the eighth day of November next
(being the second Monday in said month) at Nine O'clock
before Noon, to vote in their votes for Governor & Lieutenant
Governor of this Commonwealth, & also for six senators
for the District of Middlesex, all on one ballots. — And
likewise, to bring in their votes at the same time
for a Representative to the General Court to be holden
at Boston on the first Wednesday of June, next.

The Polls to be opened at 10 O'clock A.M.
Also, to notify the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified
to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the same time
& place, to act on the following articles to wit:

- 1st To Choose a Moderator
- 2^d To hear the report of the Committee appointed at the
last May meeting, to make a selection of a piece
of ground for a Burial place in the northerly
part of the Town; & act thereon —
- 3^d To take into consideration the notice of the County
Commissioners, on the Petition of Joseph Manning
& others — & also, the notice of said Commissioners, on
the Petition of Luther Prescott & others; & act thereon.
- 4th To hear the report of the Selectmen on the laying
out of a piece of town-way, from near Benj^t J. O'Leary's
Barn to Joseph Manning, on the petition of the
said O'Leary — And also of the laying out of another
piece of town-way, on the petition of Benjⁿ F. Hedges
from the road near the School-house to the aforesaid
piece of way near the said O'Leary's Barn; & act thereon —
- 5th To see what compensation, if any, the Town will allow
to Nathan Buttrick Jr, for damage sustained in
consequence of his horse getting into the Bridge
near his Shop —

Election Nov. 8th 1841Warrant Const^{le}

At the request of Jefferson Loring & others, to see if the town will widen the stone bridge & road near Eli P. Parker's house - & also, ascertain what right, if any, Ezekiel Byam has to occupy land between said Bridge & the said Loring's land - or act thereon —

7th At the request of Benj^t F. Adams & others to see if the town will furnish arms & equip^{me} for the use of an independent company of citizen soldiers to consist of not less than 32, nor more than 64 privates, or act thereon —

And you are directed to serve this warrant according to law & the votes of the Town —

Hereof paid not, & make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to our clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting —
Given under our hands & seals this twenty-third day of October, eighteen hundred & forty one —

E. F. Webster } Selectmen
Amos Carlson }
Dean Holt } Chelmsford

Attestung J^s Town of Chelmsford Oct. 30th 1841 —

I have served the within warrant by making up attested copies of the same at each of the public meeting-houses, & at Gray's tavern, all in Chelmsford so that the same may stand over two sabbaths previous to the time of holding said meeting; It being in accordance with the votes of the Town —

David Perham } Constable of
Chelmsford —

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk

Tuesday Nov. 8th 1841.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor & Lieutenant Governor, holden on the eighth day of November, being the second Monday of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty one, for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor & Lieutenant Governor of said Commonwealth. The whole number of persons who gave in their votes was ascertained, as is directed in the Revised Statutes, (Chap. 4 Sec. 13) by counting the whole number of separate ballots given in, and the whole number of ballots was three hundred & sixteen.

And the whole number of votes given in for Governor, were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed - and were for the following persons

Marcus Weston - one hundred & sixty five votes
John Davis - one hundred & fifty one votes

E. F. Webster }
Amos Carlton } Selectmen of
Dean Holt } Chelmsford

1841

E. F. Webster Town Clerk

for Governor,

Election nov. 8th 1841

Joint Governor

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of
 the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex
 and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the
 Constitution to vote for Governor & Joint Governor,
 holden on the eighth day of November, being the
 second monday of said month, in the year of our
 Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty one, for
 the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor
 & Lieutenant Governor of said Commonwealth -

The whole number of persons who gave in
 their votes was ascertained, as is directed in
 the Revised Statutes, Chap. 4. Sec. 13/ by counting
 the whole number of separate ballots given
 in, and the whole number was - Three
 hundred & fifteen -

And the whole number of votes given in, were
 sorted, counted, recorded, & declaration thereof
 made as by the Constitution is directed - and
 were for the following persons -

Henry H. Childs - one hundred & sixty five votes

George Hull - one hundred & fifty votes

E. F. Webster }

Amos Carlton } Selectmen of
 Dean Hall } Chelmsford

W. F. Webster Town Clerk

For Joint Governor

Senators

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Senators, holden on the eighth day of November, being the second Monday of said Month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one, for the purpose of giving in their votes for senators in the district of Middlesex. The whole number of persons who gave in their votes was ascertained, as is directed in the Revised Statutes, (Chap. 4, Sec 13,) by counting the number of separate ballots given in, and the whole number of ballots was - three hundred & fifteen -

And the whole number of votes were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed - and were for the following persons -

Josiah G. Abbott -	one hundred & sixty three	votes
Fredrick Robinson -	one hundred & sixty four	votes
John P. Tarbell -	one hundred & sixty four	votes
James Fuller -	one hundred & sixty four	votes
Eph ^m Merriam -	one hundred & sixty four	votes
Brown Buckman -	one hundred & sixty four	votes
Benj ^t Thompson -	one hundred & fifty one	votes
Asa F. Lawrence -	one hundred & fifty one	votes
Edmund Parker -	one hundred & fifty one	votes
Phineas Howe -	one hundred & fifty one	votes
Seth Ames -	one hundred & fifty one	votes
Chester Adams -	one hundred & fifty one	votes
James Russell -	one	Vote

- E. F. Webster

Amos Carlton } Selectmen of
Dean Holt } Chelmsford

1841 E. F. Webster Town Clerk

- Election &c. 8th 1841

Town Representative

Weld Essex County & Commonwealth of Massachusetts

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford qualified by the Constitution to vote in Election of State Officers, holden on the 14th day of November, eighteen hundred & forty one, for the purpose of choosing a Representative to the next General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of Janr. 1842. It was voted by said Inhabitants, to send one Representative to the next General Court - and the Polls were opened for the reception of votes for Gov. Lieut Gov. & Senators for Middlesex District & for Town Representative all at the same time, being the hour specified in the warrant for said meeting. And the whole number of persons who gave in their votes for a Representative was ascertained as is directed in the Revised Statutes Chap. 4, Sec 13, by counting the whole number of separate ballots given in. And the whole number was three hundred & eight 308

Necessary to a choice 155.

The whole number of votes given in were sorted, counted, recorded, & declaration thereof made in open town meeting & were as follows

Amos Carlton - one hundred & sixty five votes
and was duly elected -

Owen Emmons - one hundred & thirty seven

George Worcester - two votes

Herrick Thorndyke - one vote

Levi Smith one vote

Doct Paul Ridgely - one vote

Paul Hunt one vote

The Polls were closed at 1/2 past 3 o'clock
P.M.

E. F. Webster

Amos Carlton } Selectmen

Dean Holt } of Chelmsford

Attest E. F. Webster Town Clerk.

Town Meeting Nov. 8th 1841.

Pursuant to the Warrant

The Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford, legally qualified to vote in town affairs, met at the Centre Meeting house in said town on Monday the 8th day of Nov. 1841 when & where the following proceedings were had to wit: -

Chose Supt. Paul Kirtledge - Moderator.

Heard the Report of the Committee on the Selection of a piece of ground for a place of Burial in the northerly section of the town -

Voted To accept the Report of said Committee - (Page 28)

Voted That the Selectmen be authorized to make a survey & take a deed of the land, reported, and also to take measures to cause said piece of land to be enclosed

Voted To choose a Committee to oppose the road, petitioned for by Luther Prescott & others

Chose Capt. Otho Adams - James Pitts, Esq. & Gen. Benjamin Adams. said Committee -

Heard the Report of the Selectmen on the laying out of part of the Middlesex Turnpike as a town-way

Voted To accept the report of the laying out of the whole distance from the Alms house to Maj Joseph Mannings -

Voted To choose a Committee of three to examine into the circumstances by which Nathan Buttrick Jr. claims damages for his horse getting into the bridge near his Shop & report at the next Town meeting -

Chose E. F. Webster, Otho Adams & Ben Hodgeman 2^d said Committee

Voted That the said Committee be instructed to make a settlement with the said Buttrick, and ^{that} they be authorized to draw their warrant on the Treasurer for such sums as may be necessary therefor -

Voted. That the said Committee make a full report of their proceedings in the premises at the next town meeting

Voted To choose a Committee to examine into the circumstances in relation to the subjects contained in the 6th Article & report at

Monday, 11th July, 1841

At a meeting of the Town Council

held at the Town Hall on the 11th July 1841

Present - Mr. E. F. Wetherill & Mr. Wetherill

Also present the 7th Article in the warrant

That the meeting for town business be dissolved

Paul Kittredge Alder,
Reminded by E. F. Wetherill Town Clerk

Report

The Committee on the 11th July 1841

The Committee, appointed at the last town meeting to make a selection of a piece of ground for a place of Burial in the North-east Section of the town, having viewed the several pieces of land reported in a former committee, & taking into consideration the location, the convenience for building routes, & the expense of fencing, report, that in their opinion, the piece situated just below Mr Benjamin Blood's house & embracing land partly owned by the said Blood, & partly by Sams F. Wood, is preferable to any other that can be obtained in that vicinity - Being situated between the two villages of N. Chelmsford & Chiddingfold, it will accommodate either, & both nearly equally, alike - It is on an eminence so that houses can be built nearly the whole of the length of its front next the road - about 1/3 part is already fenced & must can be kept so by the Rail Road Company - With the arrangements that have been made with Mr Blood for the necessary removal of the gravel in order to place a bank wall on the road. The remaining 2/3s can be much more easily enclosed than the other piece viewed - And the Committee take the liberty here to suggest the propriety of taking immediate measures to provide for its enclosure - as stones can be transported much easier during the coming winter than if delayed till the next Spring -

Having so much to be thought out not to come
 to the full length of their instructions, & have accor-
 dingly arrived to "make a survey of the land & take
 a deed;" judging, under all the circumstances, that it
 would "be more prudent to lay their proceedings
 so far before the Town for their decision" -
 All which is respectfully Submitted

by

C. J. Webster }

Amos Carlton } Committee

Sean Holt }

Reviewed by J. F. Webster Town Clerk.

Cemetery 2nd North C.

Gravestone
Gravestone

Saml F Wood

to

Inhabitants of the town
of
Chelmsford

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Decd 1855. Jan 18. 1856

Age and Buried in the  
Registry of the ad<sup>rs</sup> Book 413

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Attest Wm F Stone Secy





# Know all Men by these Presents,

That I Samuel F. Wood of Chelmsford in the County  
of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
IN CONSIDERATION OF <sup>Gentlemen</sup> one hundred dollars

to me paid by the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in  
said County  
the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, DO BY THESE PRESENTS, grant, remise, release, and forever  
QUIT CLAIM, unto the said Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford,

Their Successors ~~and~~ and assigns, all the right, title, interest, and estate, in and to  
a certain piece of land situate on the road leading from  
Adams Tavern to Middlesex Village and bounded & described  
as follows to wit:— Beginning at the Southwesterly corner  
at a stone bound on the road at land of Benjamin Blood  
and running easterly on said road twenty nine  
rods & 10 links to a stone bound at my land— thence  
turning a square corner and running North  $14^{\circ}$  East  
five rods & twenty two links to a stone bound at land  
of the Nashua & Lowell Rail Road Company— thence  
Westerly on said Rail Road Corporation's land twenty  
eight rods & two links to a stone bound at land of  
the said Benjamin Blood— thence South  $14\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$  West on  
the said Blood's land sixteen rods & 23 links to the  
bound first mentioned— Being the same land  
described in a plan of survey (marked A) made by  
J. H. ... & deposited in the Town Treasurer's

office with this deed— Said land said piece  
place of burial in the northerly section of the town  
& is to be occupied as such & for no other purpose  
To Have and to Hold the above released premises, to the said Inhabitants  
of Chelmsford, their Successors, Representatives

~~and~~ and assigns, to their use and behoof forever; so that neither I the said Samuel F.  
Wood nor my heirs, or any other person or persons,  
claiming by, from or under me or them, or in the name, right or stead of me or them, shall or will,  
by any way or means, have, claim or demand any right or title to the above released premises, or to any  
part or parcel thereof forever.

In witness whereof, I the said Samuel F. Wood and Sarah  
C. Wood my wife, hereby releasing her right of dower in the premises  
have hereunto set our hands and seals this fourth day of  
January in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty two

Signed, sealed and delivered }  
in presence of

Samuel Parker  
Sarah H. W. Parker

Samuel F. Wood  
Sarah C. Wood

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Middlesex ss. Jan. 74. A. D. 1842. Then personally appeared the above named  
Samuel F. Wood and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed,

Before me,

Eben. Adams } Justice of the  
Peace.





Deed

Benjin Blood  
to the  
Inhabitants of the town  
of  
Chelmsford

~~~~~

Witnessed ss. June 18. 1842
Ric^d and Record in the
Registry of Deeds Book 412
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Attest
Wm. F. Stone Secy.

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Know all Men by these Presents,  
That I, Benjamin Blood of Chelmsford in the County  
of Middlesex & Commonwealth of Massachusetts - person

IN CONSIDERATION OF One hundred and fifty dollars  
to me paid by the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford

the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, DO BY THESE PRESENTS, give, grant, bargain, sell and convey  
unto the said Inhabitants, their Successors, representatives & assigns  
a certain piece of land situate in the northerly part of  
Chelmsford on the road leading from Adams Tavern  
to ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~Chelmsford~~ <sup>Chelmsford</sup> village & described as follows to wit: -

Beginning at the Southwesterly corner thereof at a stone set in the  
ground at the road & running south  $88\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  East twenty one  
rods & 3 links on the said road to a stone set in the ground -  
thence N.  $31\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. seven rods & 10 links to a stone set in the  
ground ~~near~~ land of the Nashua & Lowell Rail Road Corporation  
thence westerly on the said Rail Road Corporation's ~~land~~  
twenty three rods & nine links to a stone set in the ground  
at my land - thence south  $14\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$  West sixteen rods and  
twenty three links to the bound first mentioned -  
containing one and one half acres - Reserving the right  
to remove the fence on the road - Said land is to be  
occupied as a burial place for the northerly section  
of the town - For a further description of said premises  
reference is had to a plan of survey by Thos L. Adams (marked A)

To Have and to Hold the above granted premises, with the privileges and appurtenances  
thereto belonging, to the said Inhabitants of Chelmsford, their Successors ~~heirs~~ and assigns,  
to their use and behoof forever.

And I the said Benjamin Blood for myself  
and my heirs, executors and administrators, do covenant with the said Inhabitants of  
Chelmsford, their Successors ~~heirs~~ and assigns, that I am lawfully seized in fee of the  
aforegranted premises; that they are free from all incumbrances

That I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Inhabitants of  
Chelmsford as aforesaid; and that I will, and my heirs,  
executors and administrators, will WARRANT AND DEFEND the same to the said Inhabitants of  
(Chelmsford) their Successors ~~heirs~~ and assigns forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons.

In witness whereof, I the said Benjamin Blood, and  
the <sup>Mary T</sup> ~~members~~ <sup>Blood</sup> my wife hereby releasing her right of dower in  
have hereunto set our hands and seals this

in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty two seventh day of

Signed, sealed and delivered  
in presence of

Deems Hottle  
Samuel F. Wood

Benjamin Blood

Mary T. Blood

Middlesex ss

Chelmsford Jan 7 - A. D. 1842. Then personally appeared the within named, Ben<sup>y</sup>  
Blood and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed,

Before me,

Berlyn Adams

} Justice of the  
Peace.

Resolved That the Freeholders of the  
Town of Middlesboro

Shall meet at the office of the Constable of the  
Town of Middlesboro, in the County of  
Middlesex, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
on the first Monday of the month of March next  
at the hour of nine o'clock before noon when & there to act on the  
following articles to wit:—

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator
- 2<sup>d</sup> To choose all necessary town officers
- 3<sup>d</sup> To bring in their votes for Treasurers of the  
County of Middlesex
- 4<sup>th</sup> To hear the reports of the officers of the Poor—  
the Committee to settle with the Treasurer, and  
any other committees, which may have been chosen  
& act thereon
- 5<sup>th</sup> To determine on the manner of repairing the highways,  
town-ways, & Bridges, the ensuing year—
- 6<sup>th</sup> To raise and appropriate such sums of money as  
may be necessary for the support of the Poor,  
the Poor, and all other town charges—
- 7<sup>th</sup> To see if the town will take any measures for  
building a town house or other building  
for the purpose of holding town meetings
- 8<sup>th</sup> At the request of Oliver Hutchinson & others to  
see if the town will grant leave, for him &  
Abraham Hutchinson of Carlisle to build a tomb  
in the Baptist Burial ground or act thereon
- 9<sup>th</sup> To take into consideration the order of notice of  
the County Commissioners on the Petition of  
Franklin Taggart & others and act thereon
- 10<sup>th</sup> To let out the collection of taxes for the year—  
1842—
- 11<sup>th</sup> To choose a committee to make the next



( Warrant Contd )

Annual Settlement with the Town Treasurer —

And you are directed to serve this warrant according to law —

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on, or before, the time of holding said meeting

given under our hands & seals this twenty first day of February A.D. 1842 —

E. F. Webster } Selectmen  
( James Carlton { of  
Dean Holt } Chelmsford

Middlesex St. Chelmsford February 25<sup>th</sup> 1842

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant I have notified & warned the Inhabitants of said town by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting Houses, at the Academy in the Centre of ~~said~~ town, and at Gray's Tavern all in Chelmsford so that the same may stand two Sabbaths previous to the time appointed for said meeting, being in accordance with the votes of said town —

David Perham } Constable  
} of Chelmsford

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk

Annual Town Meeting March 7<sup>th</sup> 1842

Town of Chelmsford March 7<sup>th</sup> 1842 -

Pursuant to the warrant, the Inhabitants of said town met at the Academy Hall in the Centre of said town on Monday the seventh day of said month, when & where the following votes were passed and proceedings had to wit:

Chose Amos Carlton Moderator

Chose E. F. Webster Town Clerk who was duly sworn by the Moderator in open meeting

Chose E. F. Webster - Amos Carlton & Dean Holt selectmen and assessors -

Chose Joseph Manning Town Treasurer

Voted To choose two Constables

Chose David Reed & Thomas C. George Constables

Chose E. F. Webster Amos Carlton & Dean Holt. Overseers of the Poor & Almshouse

Chose Rev. Ben<sup>l</sup> F. Clark - Rev. John Parkhurst & Samuel Parker Organize School Committee -

Voted To adjourn the meeting for 30 minutes  
Met according to adjournment -

Voted To choose a Field Officer in each School District

Chose Joseph Reed - Francis Richardson - Amos Green - Sherbiah Spalding jr. - Josiah Bryan - Benjamin Livingston - - Alpheus Spalding - - Warren - Cyrus - Warren - McEntire - John Farrar. Wm K. Cochran Field Officers

Voted To choose five Fence viewers

Chose Jos<sup>l</sup> Paul Rittledge - Josiah Bryan - Elijah Richardson jr. - Parker Sutton & Wm Tyler Fence viewers -

Voted To choose ten Surveyors of highways

Chose George Richardson - Francis B. Parker - Ben<sup>l</sup> F. Clark - Amos Whitney jr. - Thomas Marshall - Deac. Josiah Spalding - Sherbiah Spalding jr. - Joseph C. Heywood - Henry Bryan



Annual Town meeting Cont<sup>d</sup> March 7<sup>th</sup> 1842  
and Benjamin T. O'Neal. Surveyors of Highway.

Voted To choose 10 Surveyors of Lumber

Chose Samuel P. Hadley - W<sup>m</sup> Sweett - Charles Blood  
Alpheus Bowers. Henry Byam Eli P. Parker  
Isaac Crooker - Imos Shed - Sprake Livingston  
and Jonathan Larcom - Surveyors of Lumber

Voted To choose 8 measures of wood

Chose Eben Adams - Eli P. Parker - Henry M. Currier  
Alpheus Bowers - Joseph Adams 2<sup>d</sup> - Samuel  
P. Hadley - William Sweett. & Benj<sup>n</sup> Fletcher

Voted & add 4 measures of wood

Chose Charles Blood - E. F. Webster. Augustus E.  
Spalding & Sprake Livingston

Voted To choose 2 Inspectors of Linn

Chose W<sup>m</sup> Hildreth & Ephraim L. Byam.

Voted To choose 5 weighers of Hay

Chose Daniel Poor - John Gray - Joseph Reed  
Joseph E. Heywood & Augustus E. Spalding

Heard The Report of the Overseers of the Poor

Voted To accept the Report

Heard the report of the Committee to settle with the  
Treasurer

Voted To accept the report

Heard the report of the Selectmen on the damages  
sustained by B. T. O'Neal in consequence of the  
Laying out of certain parts of Middlebury turnpike  
as a town road

Voted To accept the report

Heard the report of the Committee, to whom was referred  
the 6<sup>th</sup> article in the warrant for the last  
November meeting relative to E. Byam's  
claim to occupy lands between the road  
& Jefferson Loring's land -

Voted to defer all action on the report & that the  
same committee be instructed to assess  
the damage, if any, in their opinion shall  
accrue to the said Byam & report at  
the next town meeting

Annual Town Meeting Contd. March 7<sup>th</sup> 1842

Voted To raise eight hundred dollars for the repairs of the high-ways, town ways & Bridges \$800.00

Voted To raise four hundred dollars for the support of the Poor \$400.00

Voted To raise fifteen hundred dollars for the support of schools \$1500.00

Voted To leave two hundred dollars at the discretion of the Selectmen, to be divided among the small districts as they may think proper -

Voted To raise fifteen hundred dollars for the incidental charges of the town \$1500.00

Voted That the seventh Article in the warrant for this meeting be referred to a Committee of seven, & that they make the necessary enquiries, and make estimates receive offers of land; & further, to enquire if any building can be purchased that will answer the purpose of a town house & report at the next town meeting their action in the premises -

Chose Eli F Webster - Samuel F Wood - Stephen Spalding - Charles Blood - Elijah Richardson Jr - Joseph Manning & Daniel Parker said Committee -

Voted To choose a committee of three to oppose the laying out of the road Petitioned for by Franklin Laguth & others -

Chose James Pitts - Samuel F Wood & Joseph Reed said Committee -

Voted To let out the collection of Taxes for 1842 at auction - immediately - and the collection of the taxes was then set up and bid off by Benj<sup>n</sup> F Adams at one cent & nine mills on the dollar ,019

Chose Benj<sup>n</sup> F Adams Collector of Taxes for 1842

Voted To choose a committee of three to make the next annual settlement with the town Treasurer

Chose Chas Adams, Joseph Warren Jr & Samuel F Wood said Committee



Annual Town Meeting March 7<sup>th</sup> 1842. Contd

Voted To Choose a Committee to appraise the Personal Property  
at the Court House previous to the next annual  
March Meeting -

Those Asa Hodgman 2<sup>d</sup> Sost Paul Kittredge & Sherchie  
Spalding Jr - said Committee

The Votes for a County Treasurer being sorted  
counted, recorded & declared in open town meeting  
were as follows. whole number of Ballots was  
one hundred & fifty six -

|                          |                                |          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|
| For - Stedman Buttrick - | one hundred twenty three votes | 123      |
| For Phineas Howe -       | thirty three                   | votes 33 |

Voted To adjourn the Meeting

Amos Carlton Moderator

Recorded by E. F. Welser Town Clerk

# Sworn Officers Town March 7<sup>th</sup> 1842

|                              |                       |                              |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| W. S. Webster                | Town Clerk.           | sworn March 7 <sup>th</sup>  |
| & F. Webster                 |                       | " March 17 <sup>th</sup>     |
| Amos Carlton                 | Seleutman &           |                              |
| Dean Holt                    | Spears                |                              |
| Joseph Manning               | town Treasurer        |                              |
| Willard Reed                 | Constables            | sworn March 10 <sup>th</sup> |
| Thomas C. George             |                       | sworn March 7                |
| Joseph Reed                  | Field                 |                              |
| Francis Richardson           |                       |                              |
| Amos Green                   |                       |                              |
| Josiah B. Byam               |                       | March 11                     |
| Shenckiah Spalding jr        |                       | " 7 <sup>th</sup>            |
| Benjamin Livingstone         | Drivers               |                              |
| Alpheus Spalding             |                       |                              |
| Wm R Cochran                 |                       |                              |
| Warren McIntire              |                       |                              |
| John Farrar                  | Surveyors of Highways |                              |
| Marcus Reyes                 |                       |                              |
| George Richardson            |                       |                              |
| Francis B. Parker            |                       | March 7 <sup>th</sup>        |
| Benjamin Walker              |                       | " 7                          |
| Amos Whitney jr              |                       |                              |
| Thomas Marshall              |                       | " 7 <sup>th</sup>            |
| Isaiah Spalding              |                       | " 24                         |
| Shenckiah Spalding jr        |                       | " 7 <sup>th</sup>            |
| Joseph S. Heywood            |                       | " 12                         |
| Benj <sup>n</sup> J. O'Leary |                       | " 7 <sup>th</sup>            |
| Henry Byam                   |                       | " 11 <sup>th</sup>           |
| Spake Livingstone            |                       |                              |
| Samuel P. Hadley             |                       |                              |
| Wm Swett                     |                       | March 12 <sup>th</sup>       |
| Charles Blood                | Surveyors of Stumps   |                              |
| Alpheus Bowers               |                       | " 7 <sup>th</sup>            |
| Henry Byam                   |                       | " 11 <sup>th</sup>           |
| Eli B. Parker                |                       | " 7 <sup>th</sup>            |
| Isaac Crooker                |                       |                              |
| Amos Shed                    |                       |                              |
| Jonathan Larcom              |                       | " 11 <sup>th</sup>           |



Town Officers continued

Eben Adams  
 Eli P. Parker  
 Alpheus Bowers  
 Joseph Adams 2<sup>d</sup>  
 Saml P. Fadden  
 Wm Swett  
 Benj<sup>n</sup> Fletcher  
 Charles Blood  
 E. F. Webster  
 Henry M. Currier  
 Augustus E. Spalding  
 Sprake Livingston  
 Saut Paul Kittredge  
 Josiah Byam  
 Elijah Richardson jr  
 Parker Dutton  
 Wm Tyler

Assessors of Road

Sworn  
 March 7<sup>th</sup>  
 " 7<sup>th</sup>  
 " 7<sup>th</sup>  
 " 10<sup>th</sup>  
 " 12<sup>th</sup>

Fence  
 Viewers

March 11<sup>th</sup>  
 " 7<sup>th</sup>

Daniel Poor  
 John Gray  
 Joseph Reed  
 Joseph E. Heywood  
 Augustus E. Spalding

Weighers  
 of  
 Hay

March 1<sup>st</sup>

# Report of the Overseers of the Poor in 1841

Report of the Overseers of the Poor on the expenses of supporting the Poor in the Town of Chelmsford for the year ending March 1<sup>st</sup> 1842 -

|                                                                                                                                |           |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Paid Bills due March 1 <sup>st</sup> 1841                                                                                      | \$ 125.84 |
| " For provisions, clothing, farming tools &c                                                                                   | 344.63    |
| " Doct. Paul Kittredge & Son for professional services                                                                         | 20.00     |
| " 1 Benj <sup>m</sup> Walker & Sarah Hardy for their services }<br>from March 14 <sup>th</sup> to April 1 <sup>st</sup> 1841 } | 11.35     |
| " For support of Septimiah Parkhurst & Bedford                                                                                 | 22.00     |
| " For support of Reuben Parker's family                                                                                        | 11.81     |
| " Jones B. Proctor for 3 Coffins                                                                                               | 10.50     |
| " Sexton                                                                                                                       | 8.00      |
| " For Stove & Sink                                                                                                             | 22.33     |
| " Small bills                                                                                                                  | 1.75      |
| " Superintendent                                                                                                               | 230.00    |
| " Overseers for their services                                                                                                 | 34.00     |
| Due Superintendent for his services to April 1 <sup>st</sup> 1842.                                                             | 25.00     |
| " Ephraim Adams for Sawing                                                                                                     | 4.49      |
| Total paid out & owing                                                                                                         | \$ 871.70 |

|                                                                     |           |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Received from Town Treasurer                                        | \$ 600.00 |
| " For produce sold                                                  | 246.43    |
| " From State for support of paupers <sup>in 1840</sup> }            | 4.34      |
| " From Do for support of Paupers in 1841 -                          | 22.54     |
| " From town of Pelham                                               | 2.00      |
| Due from Jonas Street                                               | 4.97      |
| " From State for funeral charges of <sup>Olivia Hall's wife</sup> } | 5.00      |
| " From Job. Skeatt for timber                                       | 70.11     |
| " From W <sup>m</sup> Hildreth for support <sup>of his wife</sup> } | 65.25     |
| Cash on hand                                                        | 34.20     |

|                                          |            |
|------------------------------------------|------------|
| Leaving a balance due the town of        | \$ 1054.84 |
| Whole number of Paupers now at Almshouse | 14         |
| Average no. throughout the year          | 15         |
| Greatest no. at any one time             | 22         |

Respectfully Submitted by  
 E. F. Webster } Overseers of  
 Amos Carlton } the Poor  
 Dean Holt }



Appraisal of Personal Property at the  
Shen-house 1841

The subscribers, A. Committee appointed by the Town of Chilmford at their annual Town meeting in March 1841 for the purpose of appraising the personal Property at the Town Poor Farm - We have attended to that service and present the following schedule of said Property viz

|                            |                  |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| One yoke of Oxen valued at | 85.00            |
| 1 Milch cow                | 20.00            |
| 6 Cows with calf           | 125.00           |
| 1 Horse                    | 30.00            |
| 3 Swine                    | 18.06            |
| 12 Fowls                   | 3.60             |
|                            | <u>\$ 286.66</u> |

|                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| 5 Tons English Hay | 85.00            |
| 3 do Stork do      | 30.00            |
| 10 Bush. Oat,      | 5.57             |
| 7 do Barley -      | 3.50             |
| Seed Corn          | .50              |
|                    | <u>\$ 124.50</u> |

Farming implements -

|                      |       |
|----------------------|-------|
| 4 Axes               | 1.50  |
| 6 Hay forks          | 2.50  |
| 2 Grabs,             | .75   |
| 5 Hay Rakes          | 1.00  |
| 4 Scythes & sheaths  | 1.25  |
| 2 Ox sleds,          | 8.50  |
| 2 Ox yokes,          | 5.00  |
| 1 Hay waggon         | 4.00  |
| 1 Hay cart badly     | 1.50  |
| 1 Ox cart            | 20.00 |
| 1 Horse waggon       | 20.00 |
| 1 Single Sleigh      | 7.00  |
| 1 Waggon harness     | 15.00 |
| 1 String Bells       | 1.00  |
| 1 Horse draw harness | 2.00  |
| 1 Buffalo Robe       | .50   |

|                         |      |
|-------------------------|------|
| 2 Cast Iron ploughs     | 6.00 |
| 4 Iron Shovels          | 1.50 |
| 3 Manure forks          | 1.50 |
| 1 Cider Knife           | .12  |
| 1 Grind Stone           | 1.50 |
| 2 Iron Bars             | 2.25 |
| 4 Draw Chains           | 4.00 |
| Plaster Paris           | 2.75 |
| 2 Chisels 3 Augers      | 1.00 |
| 1 Hand saw & draw knife | .75  |
| Buckle & wedges         | .75  |
| 2 Ox muzzles            | .25  |

|                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| Horse Fetters      | .75  |
| Hay puller         | .25  |
| Horse Brush & Card | .25  |
| 3 Ladders          | 2.00 |
| 1 Wheel-barrow -   | 1.00 |
| 1 woodsaw & horse  | 1.00 |
| 7 Axes             | 7.00 |
| 1 Harrow           | 2.25 |

|                        |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Part of waggon harness | 1.75             |
| Nail Hammer & pinning  | .75              |
|                        | <u>\$ 130.87</u> |

|                               |                  |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Fuel                          |                  |
| 38 Cords wood fitted for fire | 120.17           |
| 1 do Peat                     | 3.00             |
|                               | <u>\$ 123.17</u> |
| Lumber pine & oak             | 10.00            |
| Vegetables & Cabbages         |                  |
| 70 Bush Potatoes              | 28.00            |
| 20 do small potatoes          | 5.60             |

# Appraisal of (Personal Property contd)

|                      |       |
|----------------------|-------|
| Garden Sauce         | 4.20  |
| 44 Lb Cheese         | 5.39  |
| 3 1/4 " Salt pork    | 25.13 |
| 500 " Salt Beef      | 20.00 |
| 6 Legs & 3 Shoulders | 18.16 |
| 50 Lb Dry Lard       | 2.00  |
| 35 " Lard            | 3.14  |
| 60 " Butter          | 10.80 |
| Apple sauce & Bbl    | 3.00  |
| Dried Apple          | .90   |
| Dried Tallow         | 2.80  |
| 10 Lb Sugar          | .80   |
| 6 Bush Corn          | 4.75  |
| 3 Do. Rye            | 2.85  |
| 2 Do Indian Meal     | 1.58  |
| 15 Lb Rice           | .65   |
| 3/4 Bbl. Flour       | 4.75  |
| Spices               | .50   |
| 4 Lbs Tea            | 2.20  |
| 2 " Coffee           | .26   |
| 3 " Raisins          | .18   |
| 1 Bk fine salt       | .20   |
| Apple sauce & Bbl    | 2.00  |
| 3 Gall. Pickles      | .60   |
| 14 Gall molasses     | 2.75  |
| \$ 153.19            |       |

|                                                    |       |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Household furniture<br>& other necessary articles. |       |
| 15 Beds & Steads                                   | 30.00 |
| 7 Pairs Blankets                                   | 6.00  |
| 15 do Sheets                                       | 10.00 |
| 22 do Pillow cases                                 | 2.75  |
| 10 Towels                                          | .75   |
| 24 Quilts & comforters                             | 25.00 |
| 1 Bbl soap                                         | 4.00  |
| Box & candles                                      | .75   |
| 6 meal Barrels                                     | 4.50  |

|                       |       |
|-----------------------|-------|
| 3 Sack Bbls           | .75   |
| 2 Mol. Hogs           | 1.00  |
| 3 wash Tubs           | 1.00  |
| 6 Pails               | 1.08  |
| 14 Barrels Cider      | 17.30 |
| 14 Cider Bbls -       | 3.50  |
| Winegar & Bbl -       | 2.75  |
| 2 Cider Casks         | 2.00  |
| 1 Cider Tunnel        | .12   |
| 2 Cider Shovels       | .25   |
| 12 Bush. wood ashes   | 1.50  |
| 12 Old Chests         | 2.30  |
| 11 old Trunks         | 4.50  |
| 5 Lb Snuff            | 1.10  |
| 20 Dry Casks          | 2.00  |
| 1 Horse Blanket       | .75   |
| 7 meal Bags           | .87   |
| Churn & Churn Press   | 5.50  |
| 3 Dry measures        | .25   |
| 8 old Tables          | 1.50  |
| 2 Light Stands        | .25   |
| 30 old Chairs         | 1.00  |
| 6 good do.            | 2.40  |
| 2 Rocking do          | .75   |
| 19 earthen milk pails | 1.14  |
| 23 Tin do do          | 4.20  |
| 10 Earthen Pots       | 1.00  |
| Lot. Tin ware         | 2.05  |
| 1 Milk Can            | .30   |
| Cracking & glass ware | 5.00  |
| 4 Iron Pots           | 2.00  |
| 3 do Kettles          | 1.00  |
| 4 do Tea Kettles      | 1.00  |
| 6 do Spiders          | 1.25  |
| 1 Table Cloth         | .37   |
| 1 Oil Cloth           | 1.00  |
| 2 Fridisom            | .75   |



# Appraisal of

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## Personal Property Contd

|                           |      |                  |            |
|---------------------------|------|------------------|------------|
| 4 Flatirons               | .75  | 1 Coffee Mill    | .25        |
| 2 Toast do                | .33  | 1 Warming Pan    | 1.50       |
| 2 Tin Bakers              | .37  | 1 Bed do         | .50        |
| 20 Knives & forks         | 1.00 | 3 Iron fire sets | 2.50       |
| 15 Table Spoons           | .37  | 1 Brass Kettle   | 4.00       |
| 15 Tea Spoons             | .10  | 3 Pairs Bellows  | .25        |
| 2 Settles                 | .67  | 6 Bibles         | 2.00       |
| 2 1/2 Br of, Candlesticks | .50  | 1 Cooking Stove  | 25.00      |
| 3 Milk Pails              | .50  | 4 Stoves         | 23.33      |
| 1 Milk Strainer Pail      | .33  |                  |            |
|                           |      |                  | \$ 243.88  |
|                           |      | Total            | \$ 1067.27 |

This is most Respectfully Submitted by

Ara Hodgman<sup>2d</sup>  
 Theophilus Spalding } Appraisers  
 Paul Kittredge }

Chilmark Mass 1<sup>st</sup> 1842

Recorded By E. F. Webster Town Clerk

42  
Annual Settlement with the Treasurer  
1841

The Committee chosen at the last Ward meeting  
to settle with the town Treasurer, having attended to  
that duty make the following Report—

The Treasurer charges himself with money &  
received of Owen Emerson, Treasurer for 1840 568. 55  
To Cash received of Ezekiel Myers Collector for 1834 57. 00  
" Cash received from State School Fund 65. 66  
" Cash received of Henry M. Currier Collector for 1841—3069. 71  
Amounting to \$ 3760. 92

And is Credited by  
Sundry Town & School orders \$ 303. 11

Leaving a balance in favor of the  
Town in the Treasurer's hands of \$ 723. 81

All which is respectfully Submitted

Respectfully,  
Otis Adams }  
Paul Kittredge } Committee  
B. F. Adams }

Spended to My Samuel P. Hadley,  
Treasurer.

The Committee further report that the Finances of  
of the Town, as high as they can ascertain are as  
follows

There are outstanding orders on Interest } \$  
amounting to } 1764. 16  
Orders not on interest amounting to 121. 80  
Amounting to 1885. 96

Probable interest due on int. orders 76. 44

The whole Amounting to \$ 1962. 40

There is due from Town Treasurer 723. 81

From Leptothek Parker Collector for 1840—100. 00

There is due from the State Treasurer for Militia Service 15. 00

Balance in favor of the town on account of <sup>the Poor establishment</sup> 183. 14

Amounting to \$ 1021. 95

Leaving a balance against the Town \$ 940. 45

All which is respectfully Submitted by Otis Adams }  
Paul Kittredge } Committee  
B. F. Adams }



Selection's report on the damages sustained  
by B.T. O'Leary in consequence of laying out a Town-way

Owing to circumstances growing out of the peculiar manner in which B.T. O'Leary proposed to claim for damages sustained in consequence of the laying out of certain parts of the Middlesex turnpike as a town way, it was impossible for the Selectmen to estimate any damages until it was known whether the town would accept certain parts, or the whole of said way laid out. Consequently that subject was then laid over for a subsequent report

And now the said Selectmen, motion having been previously given to the said O'Leary, that they should meet at his house on the 2<sup>d</sup> day of Dec, instant, for the purpose of hearing him in the premises / having met at the house of the said O'Leary, & he appearing in his own behalf, they, after taking into consideration the advantages accruing, as well as the inconveniences & loss arising therefrom, they have come to the conclusion, & do therefore here adjudge that the said B.T. O'Leary sustain damage in consequence of the laying out of the said town way from the Alm-house to the Billinca road near Chapin Joseph Mannings, in the sum of thirty eight dollars -

And they further report, that, in making their former report of the laying out of the said way, they inadvertently omitted to report the discontinuance of a part of a Bridle way passing by the said O'Leary's house, & through the Stearns place / so called / to adjoining lands &c. Which Bridle way, such parts thereof as pass through the lands of the said O'Leary, are now recommended to be discontinued -

And which is respectfully submitted

By

J.F. Webster

Amos Carlton

Dean Hall

Selectmen

of

Chilmark

Accepted March 7<sup>th</sup> 1842

Recorded by J.F. Webster Town Clerk

44  
Report of the Committee on N. Buttrick's  
Claim for damages for Horse

The Committee appointed at the last Nov. meeting, to examine & adjust the claims of Nathan Buttrick, for damages sustained in consequence of his Horse falling into the bridge near his shop, having attended to the duty assigned them make the following Report—

That after carefully examining all the evidences in the case which circumstances would admit, the following facts appeared to be fully elicited viz:— That Mr Buttrick was driving his Horse from near Rev. John Perkins for the purpose of putting him in the stable— That while he was turning up towards his shop & throwing a stick of timber from his shoulder, the Horse, in passing over the bridge, fell through, by which he received the wound from a spike in a piece of plank, which caused the death of the Horse— That, from the testimony of different witnesses, it was evident, that the place where the horse fell was within the legal limits of the Acton road, about 22 feet from the lower edge of the bridge— That all due care was used in extricating the Horse from the bridge, & likewise in dressing the wound afterwards—

The estimated value of the Horse by different individuals acquainted with him, varied from \$15 to \$20 dollars—

In view of all the facts here elicited your Committee were unanimously of the opinion that the town was liable for the damages and that Mr Buttrick's claim would be legally sustained—

They have, therefore, agreeably to their instructions, awarded to the said Nathan Buttrick, the sum of eighty dollars which he has accepted in full for all claims for damages in the premises—

Respectfully submitted by

S. F. Webster }  
O. A. Adams } Committee  
Ara Hodgman 2<sup>d</sup> }

March 5<sup>th</sup> 1842—  
Town meeting accepted



Warrant. April 11<sup>th</sup> 1842

Middlebury } To either of the Constables of the town of  
Chelmsford - Greeting,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
you are hereby required to notify the inhabitants  
of said town qualified to vote in town affairs to  
meet at the Academy Hall in the Centre of said  
town on Monday the eleventh day of April next at  
twelve O'clock at noon to act on the following articles  
to wit:—

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator
  - 2<sup>d</sup> To fill all vacant town offices
  - 3<sup>d</sup> To hear the reports of the Committee relative to  
the town House, and any other committees which  
may have been appointed, & act thereon
  - 4<sup>th</sup> At the request of Benj<sup>t</sup> J. Olean, to see if the town  
will choose a Committee to re-estimate the damage  
sustained by him in consequence of the laying out  
of certain parts of the Middlebury Turnpike as a town  
way, & act thereon
  - 5<sup>th</sup> At the request of the Committee appointed at a  
meeting of the citizens of Chelmsford, to see if  
the town will approve of the course adopted  
by the Selectmen in refusing to appropriate any  
persons to sell ardent spirits in Taverns or Stores  
the ensuing year —
  - 6<sup>th</sup> To see if the town will take any measures to  
avail themselves of the provision of a resolve  
passed at the last session of the General Court  
relative to District School Libraries —
  - 7<sup>th</sup> To hear the Report of the Selectmen on the  
laying out of an alteration of the road from  
near the house of Sewall Parkhurst to the  
blacksmith shop near the Butterfield house  
(so called) & act thereon —
- Give of your oath, & make due return of  
this warrant with your doings thereon to the  
town Clerk at or before the time of holding

said meeting -

Given under our hands & seals, this twenty  
first day of March A.D. 1842

E. F. Webster }  
Amos Carlson } Selectmen of  
Dean Holt } Chelmsford

Middlesex ss } Town of Chelmsford April 1<sup>st</sup> 1842

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified  
the Inhabitants of said town to meet at the time,  
place, & for purposes therein expressed by  
posting up Attested Copies thereof at each of  
the public Meeting houses, at the Academy, &  
at Gray's Tavern, so that the same may stand  
open on Sabbath at least previous to the time  
of holding said meeting.

William Reed Constable of  
Chelmsford

Recorded by E. F. Webster, Town Clerk

Town of Chelmsford April 11<sup>th</sup> 1842

Pursuant to the warrant the Inhabitants of  
said town, qualified to vote in town affairs met  
at the Academy Hall on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> day  
of April 1842, when & where the following  
votes were passed & proceedings had, to wit:-

Chose James Pitts Moderator, who declined  
Chose Amos Carlson Moderator

Chose Charles S. Smith, Surveyor of Highways  
in the place of Amos Whitney jr.

Chose James Whittlemore Mesurer of road in the  
place of Augustus & Spalding

Heard the Report of the Committee on the town house  
Voted to recommend the report to the same Committee  
with instructions, to make such additions & alter-  
ations as circumstances may require & report  
at the next November Meeting-

Voted That the Selectmen be authorised to hire



the Academy Hall of the proprietors & pay 30 dollars therefor to any responsible person who may be authorized to receive it in behalf of the proprietors -

Heard The Report of the School Committee

Voted To accept the report

Heard The Report of the Committee on Ezekiel Bryan's claims -

Voted To accept the report

Heard The Report of the Selectmen on the carrying out of a piece of town-way near Sewall Parkhurst -

Voted That the said Report & piece of town-way be not accepted

Voted Not to choose any Committee to re-estimate the damage as prayed for by Benj<sup>n</sup> J. Oliver

The following resolution was then offered to wit

Resolved that we do approve of the course adopted by the Selectmen in refusing to approbate any persons to sell spirituous liquors in Taverns or stores in this town the ensuing year

Voted That when the question is taken on this resolve, it be taken by dividing the house -

Voted That the persons voting for & against the said resolve be counted by the Moderator -

The question was then taken & the Moderator declared the vote to be as follows viz - One hundred and seven in favour of the resolve, and fifty against it -

Voted To take one hundred and sixty five dollars of the money raised at the last March meeting for the support of Schools and appropriate it in equal divisions to each school district for the purpose of establishing district school libraries -

Voted To dissolve the meeting -

Amos Carlson Moderator

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk

Report of the Committee on Ezekiel Bryant's

Committee appointed at the last Nov. meeting, to whom  
referred the 1<sup>st</sup> article in the warrant with instructions to  
ascertain the circumstances in relation to the subject con-  
tained in said article and report at the next town meeting,  
submit the following Report

The 1<sup>st</sup> article was as follows

At the request of Jefferson Loring & others, to see  
if the town will widen the stone bridge & road near Eli  
P. Parker's house - and also, ascertain what right <sup>of way</sup> Ezekiel  
Bryant has to occupy lands between said bridge and the  
said ~~road~~ <sup>road</sup>, or act thereon - It was  
ordered from the circumstances that originated this  
article that what was considered the more important  
subject of the parties concerned, was that part of it which  
relates to the claims of Mr Bryant to occupy land between  
the road and Mr Loring's land - and the Committee  
have accordingly resorted to all available means to ascer-  
tain all the facts & circumstances in relation thereto

It appears by the town records that in the warrant  
for November meeting in 1826, the 2<sup>d</sup> article was as  
follows - "At the request of Ezekiel Bryant & others,  
to see if the town will widen the road near & north  
of his stone and act thereon as then may appear"

And at the Meeting it was voted "That the 2<sup>d</sup> article  
in the warrant for this meeting be referred to the Selectmen,  
and that they be authorized to widen the road, provided  
the expense thereof do not exceed the sum of \$25.00,  
and that they make report at the next town meeting"

The records do not show that any report was  
ever made by the committee on this subject - And from  
a careful & critical examination of the papers on file,  
the Committee feel confident that no written report was  
ever made - Probably the Selectmen made a verbal re-  
port, on which no definite action was taken by the town  
which was deemed a matter of record: This, however, is  
merely a conjectural presumption

It appears notwithstanding, that the widening ~~was made~~,  
that a piece of land was purchased of Joseph Cham-  
berlain



for that purpose, and a deed taken running to the Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford for the consideration of 15 dollars -

It appears also, on recurring to some of the Selectmen who composed that Committee, that an agreement was made with Ezekiel Byram to the effect that he was to build the road for the sum of 25 dollars - And likewise, that he was to have the privilege of occupying a part of the land not needed for the road as a manure bed in addition to the 25 dollars as a part compensation for building the road -

These are all the facts in the case which the committee were ever able to discern - From which it appears to them that, although Mr Byram had the consent of the Selectmen to occupy for a manure bed such parts of the land purchased as was not needed for the public use, still, as it does not appear that they were ever authorized by the town to make such an agreement, and as there is no evidence that such an agreement was subsequently ratified by the town, it cannot be considered that Mr Byram has now, or ever had any legal claim to any such privilege. The man has had a just claim, but never a legal one - It is very probable that at the time this agreement was made the privilege might have been, & undoubtedly was of considerable value to the occupant, but the situation of the buildings have since become so altered as to render the privilege in the opinion of the committee nearly useless for the purpose for which it was granted by the Selectmen -

In regard to the road, your Committee consider it dangerous, & needs railing -

The width of the road is probably sufficient to accommodate the travel that will ever be likely to pass over it - There have been several propositions made respecting widening the road which the Committee have not considered necessary to report, presuming that the several individuals would be present & could better make their own statements - The Committee would further say in conclusion that although they do not consider that Mr Byram has any legal claim to any privilege between the travelled part of the road & Mr Loring's land still as there was unquestionably an agreement made with the Selectmen at that time that he should have that

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privilege as a part compensation for his labors, we think  
that the town ought now to allow him a compensation  
therefor as all they think the privilege of any town to  
him at the present time -

Respectfully Submitted by

E. F. Webster } Committee  
Shendish Spalding }

Town of Shelburne April 11<sup>th</sup> 1842

The foregoing report being referred to the same Committee  
at the last town meeting with instructions to estimate the  
damage to the said Ezekiel Byram, now report, that  
in their opinion, the said Byram is entitled to receive  
fifteen dollars in order to compensate him for his labors  
in building the road according to the intent of the  
original contract.

E. F. Webster } Committee  
Shendish Spalding }

Accepted April 11<sup>th</sup> 1842

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk

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# Report of the School Committee in 1842

The School Committee, for the year ending March 1842 respectfully report to the Town their doings as follows.

After organizing they resolved that the several schools in town should be visited each at least twice: Once at or near the commencement, & once at the close of the school. That one one of their members should be required to visit at the same time the summer, but two at least, at the same time should visit the winter schools. — We have examined your teachers & visited your schools. The latter we think have made commendable proficiency & the former were all qualified to teach, although all were not adapted to the schools of which they had the charge. A person may be well qualified to teach one school who will not succeed in another. The truth of this remark shows the importance of great care on the prudential Committee in the selection of Teachers for their particular districts. They should be men who know fully the condition of the schools, which they can not know but by frequent visits, or by information from the visiting Committee. If there be neglected a judicious selection can not be made of a teacher: A selection highly important to the prosperity of the schools. And we here suggest that the practice on the part of teachers of applying for schools almost as soon as the Prudential Committee is chosen, is not good: It is believed that particular persons are sometimes chosen as the Committee to accommodate the applicant, & thus more frequent are teachers engaged who are not adapted to the schools. — Time & judgement in the selection of the teachers we deem highly important.

In one school, in particular we discovered a deportment with which we were well pleased. The school to which we refer had a very comfortable house, so situated & constructed as to hide the papers by from the view of its inmates; and in addition to this the school was furnished with an extra good Teacher. We believe the circumstances just mentioned are indispensable

The meaning good order in school - We do not believe any man can procure order & secure attention to study in a school of half a hundred scholars in a house with low windows & located near a much travelled road that a single step will measure the distance from the one to the other

Our committee particular to within the government of each school, & have freely suggested alterations when it seemed necessary; & have been much gratified with the regard that has been given to our suggestions. It has been our endeavor at the close of the annual schools to persuade the scholars that if their books should be closed with the closing of the schools they would lose a great portion of what they then possessed - That the memory would not remain stationary, but would become better by cultivation & worse by neglect - Some committees have been pleased in a few districts, to meet at the examination of the schools many Parents. We believe if parents would generally attend much good would be the result - Their children would feel more stimulus to prepare themselves during the term, knowing as they would that their exhibition would be a subject of remark in the district. It would also cause conviction to the minds of the children of their care & interest in them. And we recommend all Parents to be present at all examinations of their children in the schools - Our committee feel that Parents do not fully understand the amount of loss their children sustain through carelessness & negligence - We find the whole number of scholars in the winter season to be 522, in the summer 403 & the average attendance in winter to be only 357, in summer 278. Of course 289 neglect the advantages of the schools; or in other words, of the \$1200. raised for our public schools \$354, have been wholly lost by negligence on the part of the scholars to attend the schools. We are aware that this waste of your money has been before laid before the town. But we repeat it in the hope that attention will be given to it. We will here quote from the valuable & able report of our School Committee of last year - Referring to the benefits of the



school registers they say "they (the registers) have disclosed the astounding fact that even in this town a little more than one fourth part of the money raised for the support of the school is annually lost, actually thrown away, & has been so for years. It is found by consulting these registers that the average attendance of the scholars in all the schools is a fraction less than three fourths of the whole number of scholars belonging to the schools, which shows that a fraction less than a quarter part of the time allowed for the cultivation of the minds of our children & consequently the same proportional part of the school money are squandered away by the irregular attendance of the scholars."

Your Committee think waste of punctuality at the hours of the schools commences another subject of complaint. It is believed that on an average, 20 minutes is daily lost by each scholar by tardiness which makes a loss in the whole of 265 days beside the great inconvenience & interruption necessarily associated by scholars entering the school every hour of the day. Therefore we think Parents so & arrange their business at home that their children may be punctual at school the hour appointed.

In the opinion of your Committee, music, so far as is practicable should be taught in the schools. We have witnessed with pleasure the interest taken in it by the scholars where it has been introduced. However much satisfaction the scholars have seemed to take in their exhibition of scholarship, none appeared so much to delight them as their singing. It has been found that the scholars if possible, will be present at the time of singing so that if the first lesson is singing & so on in singing it is believed none will play the truant on the way, nor unnecessarily be absent - so delighted do children appear in carrying it through a lesson that they will leave all their other amusements for that. And we deem it of vast importance that the amusements of children should be of a character to improve their minds & heart, as is the tendency of music, & not such as tend to waste of both. And let no Parent say, because his children have never manifested an interest in music, that they would not become interested if occasionally taught. The belief which has commonly prevailed that none can become singers but such as have what is called a natural taste for music

is no longer entertained. It is well established that  
children instructed early may learn to sing. And what  
has been considered a natural defect can by early & perse-  
vering industry be overcome. Let Parents be encouraged  
& aided in the cultivation of the minds of their children,  
not only in the department of music, but in all the  
branches of learning which comprise a complete  
education.

Chelmsford Schol., - 1842 } John Parkhurst }  
                                              } B. F. Clark               School  
                                              } Saml Parker       } Committee

April 11<sup>th</sup> - 1842 Read & accepted.

Recorded by T. F. Webster Town Clerk



# Militia Roll for 1842

The following are the names of all the persons between the ages of 18 & 45 years liable to do military duty, in the town of Shelburne, as enrolled by the Assessors of said Town May 1842

Adams Isaac.  
Adams Tho<sup>d</sup> M.  
Austin Daniel F.  
Angier Anson  
Alexander Samuel  
Boyer Perry  
Blairdell Joel  
Burrows W<sup>m</sup> F.  
Byam Rufus  
Byam W<sup>m</sup> A.  
Byam Stillman.  
Byam Marcus D.  
Byam Eph<sup>m</sup> L.  
Bean Eldad O.  
Bicknell Sam<sup>l</sup>  
Bruce Joseph  
Bower Micajah  
Bacon F.  
Burns Hugh  
Britton Land B.  
Brastow Tho<sup>d</sup>  
Bramin George  
Blodget Fred<sup>d</sup> M.  
Blood Nathaniel  
Blood Joseph  
Blood Augustin  
Butterfield Joseph  
Butterfield Jonas C.  
Barker Daniel  
Blood Aristas  
Berr<sup>t</sup> Charles Jr  
Blodget Charles O.  
Bosworth Henry E.

Bird Charles J.  
Baker Bezael S.  
Butterfield Heber  
Calvert William W.  
Clark Carlo C.  
Cochran W<sup>m</sup> R.  
Chase John E.  
Coburn John  
Clark William  
Carpenter Calvin D.  
Charles Osgood  
Crooker Isaac  
Cody James  
Chamberlain Lucian  
Curnie Henry M.  
Campbell John  
Dailly George  
Davis Isaac  
Davis John  
Durant Thomas  
Dadmun Nathan P.  
Dudley Benjamin  
Dupre Lorenzo  
Dutton Eldridge  
Dutton James W.  
Dutton Hildreth P.  
Dum John  
Dum Peter  
Durant William  
Davenport Warren T.  
Durgin Silas C.  
Ditson Benjamin  
Davis John 2<sup>d</sup>

Davis James R.  
 Deane's Walter  
 Dickinson John  
 Drake William H.  
 Eia Benjamin  
 Goshue Wm H.  
 Gomer Francis  
 Gaton Jeremiah  
 Fish John B.  
 Flint Silas  
 Fann Levi  
 Fletcher Samuel  
 Fletcher Saml J.  
 Fletcher Wm 3<sup>d</sup>  
 Fletcher Ezekiel H.  
 Fletcher Jonathan R.  
 Fletcher Benjamin  
 Fletcher Benja 2<sup>d</sup>  
 Farwell Thos. T.  
 Farwell Asa T.  
 Frost David  
 Frost Henry  
 Field Joseph  
 Foss Warren  
 Foster Jonathan P.  
 Fisher Moses B.  
 Furber Andrew  
 Flanders Wm S.  
 Farrar John  
 Gane & Addison  
 Guild Nathan  
 Griffin & Leah L.  
 George Thos. C.  
 Howard Stephaniah  
 Howard Eniah W.  
 Gibson John

Pray Dexter C.  
 Gray David  
 Gilmore William  
 Grams Albert  
 Hall Charles  
 Hall Aaron  
 Hoadges Benj<sup>n</sup> F.  
 Hunter Gilman  
 Harris John D.  
 Harwood Solomon  
 Harwood Rufus  
 Hills Francis M.  
 Hartwell George H.  
 Howe Frederic W.  
 Harriman Israel  
 Hibbard Eli  
 Hyde Charles A.  
 Heywood Joseph E.  
 Howard Charles  
 Howard Saml.  
 Harwood Otis A.  
 Hutcheon Oliver  
 Johnson William  
 Johnson Horace  
 Jeffrey John  
 Lashlyn Edwin  
 Reyes Stephen  
 Rittredge Albert G.  
 Rittredge Edmund F.  
 Rittredge George  
 Kelley Moses  
 Kendall John  
 Knowles John  
 Kiedder Timmi  
 Knuttel John  
 Kenney Geo. W.  
 Kannon Wiland M.  
 Libbee Daniel S.



Larcom Jonathan  
 Libbey James  
 Mahars James  
 Mason Jonathan  
 Martin Tho<sup>d</sup>.  
 McGlaushlin Hiram  
 McClaucky Patri  
 McIntire Warren  
 McIntire Solomon  
 Meader George B.  
 Marshall Joseph  
 Marshall Rufus W.  
 Marshall Ben<sup>g</sup> P.  
 Marshall George  
 McKee William  
 Mansfield Lemuel C.  
 Mansfield Asaph  
 Mansfield Leonard J.  
 Mansfield Joel  
 Marshall Joshua  
 Marshall Eben H.  
 Natta Lutus  
 Nesmith R. D.  
 Olean Tho<sup>d</sup>. W.  
 Pallard Dawson  
 Panninton John  
 Page Hector M.  
 Page Albert  
 Page David  
 Perham Samuel P.  
 Perkins John M.  
 Perkins J<sup>r</sup>  
 Perkins Jesse S.  
 Putnam Israel  
 Parker Charles  
 Parker Henry  
 Perham Percy  
 Putney Jonas R.

Proctor Simon B.  
 Proctor Henry B.  
 Proctor Charles  
 Proctor Rufus  
 Proctor Jonas R. J.  
 Proctor Alfred  
 Parker Samuel  
 Parker Thomas  
 Parker Artemas  
 Poor Daniel  
 Poor Isaac  
 Poor Thomas  
 Pratt Joshua  
 Pratt Oliver R.  
 Pratt Lowell  
 Parkhurst Saml. S.  
 Pinn William S.  
 Parkhurst Swall.  
 Parkhurst Hershiah  
 Parkhurst John 2<sup>d</sup>  
 Packard Orrin  
 Pierce Joseph B.  
 Pierce Jonathan  
 Parkhurst Ben<sup>g</sup> E.  
 Rand George W.  
 Richardson Elijah J.  
 Richardson Josiah  
 Reed Abijah  
 Rolan Christopher  
 Sanborn Leonard C.  
 Sanborn John M.  
 Sherry Willard  
 Sharp James  
 Spalding Ben<sup>g</sup> L.  
 Spalding Varnum  
 Spalding Abel  
 Spalding Jonathan  
 Switzer Charles

Shed John S.  
 Shaw Eliza  
 Small Charles  
 Small William  
 Shed Joseph  
 Steven. Stephen  
 Stevens Emerson  
 Smith Joseph B.  
 Smith Thomas  
 Spalding Augustus E.  
 Shepherd Wm  
 Shepard Alfred H.  
 Shepard Francis  
 Swift Samuel  
 Spalding Asa  
 Spalding Ellbridge G.  
 Spalding Ellbridge P.  
 Spalding Eph<sup>m</sup> P.  
 Stanton Simon F.  
 Silver Henry.  
 Shurtleff Lovell  
 Tainter Lewis  
 Turner John  
 Thomas Marcus  
 Hark James  
 Towne Henry P.  
 Toothaker Charles E.

Whale number 269

Upham Ezra A.  
 Upham Clement  
 Whipple Stephen  
 Wiggin Nathaniel  
 Woodman Daniel  
 Witt Henry R.  
 Wright Herman  
 Wright Calvin T.  
 Wilson Asa.  
 Wilson Warren  
 Whittemore James  
 Wait James G.  
 Wait Aldis L.  
 Walker Isaac  
 Walker Benjamin  
 Warren Edwin H.  
 Woodward Eph<sup>m</sup> W.  
 Wilson Franklin  
 Wilbur Gardener  
 Woodward John  
 Woodward Geo. W.  
 Williams Seth  
 Williams Jarvis  
 Wentworth Abm W.

E. F. Webster  
 Amos Carlton  
 Dean Holt

} Assessors



Town Meeting June 27<sup>th</sup> 1842  
(Warrant)

Middlesex ss 3 To either of the Constables of the  
3 town of Chelmsford - Greeting

L.S.  
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In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
you are hereby required to notify & warn the Inhabitants  
of said Town qualified to vote in town affairs to  
meet at the Academy Hall in the centre of said town  
on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, instant at 2 O'  
clock P.M. & act on the following articles to-wit

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator
- 2 To see if the town will take measures for re-  
-pairing or rebuilding, the bridge over Stony brook  
near the foundries, or act thereon
- 3 To see if the town will reconsider the vote passed  
at the last town meeting, by which, the report  
of the committee on the town-house was recom-  
-mitted, with instructions to report at the November  
meeting
- 4 At the request of the Stockholders of the new  
Meeting House about being erected in the centre  
of the town, "To see if the town will build a base-  
-ment story to the said house for the town's use"  
or act thereon

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this  
warrant with your doings thereon to the town  
Clerk, at, or before, the time of holding said  
Meeting -

Given under our hands & seals this 15<sup>th</sup> day  
of June A.D. 1842 -

E. F. Webster } Selectmen  
(Amos Carlton) } of  
Dean Hall } Chelmsford

Middlesex ss June 27 - 1842 I have served the within warrant  
attested  
by posting up copies of the same at each of the public  
meeting houses, at the Academy & at the Tavern of John  
Gray, all in said town so that the same have stood open  
on Sabbath before the time of holding said meeting  
Willard Reed, Constable of Chelmsford

60  
Town of Chelmsford June 27<sup>th</sup> 1842

Pursuant to the Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford qualified to vote in town affairs met at the hall of the Academy in said town on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 1842 at 2 o'clock P.M., when & where the following votes were passed & proceedings had, to wit:—

Chose Amos Carlton Moderator

Voted To choose a Committee of three to cause the bridge over Stony Brook near the Foundries, to be repaired, or rebuilt, either with wood or stone as, in the judgement of the said committee, shall seem most conducive to the interest of the Town —

Chose The Selectmen said committee

Voted To reconsider the vote passed at the last April meeting, specified in the 3<sup>d</sup> article of the warrant for this Meeting

Voted To build a basement story to the new Meeting house, about being erected in the centre of the town, for the use of said town as a town-house

Voted To choose a committee of three to cause said basement story to be built —

Chose Capt Solomon Adams, Deane Holt and Jefferson Loring said committee —

Capt. Adams & Mr Holt, declined serving

Chose Eli P. Parker & James Pitts Esq in their stead

Voted That the said basement story be constructed with suitable stone & brick

Voted (Mem. con.) To instruct the Selectmen to appear before the County Commissioners at Middlebury village on the 3<sup>d</sup> day of Aug. next, & apprise the laying out of the road, as prayed for by Ezra A. Popham & others —

Voted To dismiss the Meeting —

Amos Carlton Mod. —

Recorded by E. F. Webster, Town Clerk



Town Meeting June 11<sup>th</sup> 1842 - 61

Warrant

Middlesex ss To either of the Constables of the town  
of Chelmsford - Greeting -

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify & warn the Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Academy Hall in the Centre of said town on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> day of July instant at 2 O'clock P.M. to act on the following article to wit: -

1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator

2<sup>d</sup> At the request of Leptah Parker & others -  
"To see if the town will reconsider the vote passed at the last town meeting for building a town house under the meeting-house about to be erected" -

3<sup>d</sup> At the request of the same - "To see if the town will build a town house, or act thereon"

4<sup>th</sup> To take into consideration the several orders of notice of County Commissioners, on the petition of Ezra S. Upham & others, and M. R. & Abbott & others, & act thereon -

Whereof fail not & make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting (given under our hands & seals this second day of July A.D. 1842 -

E. F. Webster } Selectmen of  
Amos Carlton } Chelmsford

Middlesex ss July 11<sup>th</sup> 1842. I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at each of the public meeting houses at the Academy & at the tavern of John Gray all in said town so that the same have stood over two sabbaths before the time of holding said meeting.

Willard Reed } Constable of  
Chelmsford

# Town-Meeting July 11<sup>th</sup> 1842

Pursuant to the warrant, the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford qualified & voted in Town affairs met at the Hall of the Academy in the Centre of said town on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> day of July A.D. 1842 when & where the following votes were passed and proceedings had to wit: —

Chose Amos Carlton Moderator.

Voted That when the question is taken on the second article in the warrant, it be taken by dividing the house — For want of convenient room in the house, it was moved and

Voted to proceed to the Common to make said division

Voted Not to reconsider the vote passed at the last town meeting, specified in the 2<sup>d</sup> article in the warrant for this meeting — For the reconsideration 81. against the reconsideration 155

Voted To dismiss the 3<sup>d</sup> article —

Voted To choose a Committee of three to oppose the laying out of the road petitioned for by Edward Spelman & others

Chose Gen. Benj<sup>n</sup> Adams, Doct. Paul Pittredge & Samuel F. Woods said committee

Voted To choose a Committee of one to oppose the laying out of the road petitioned for by J. W. P. Abbott & others

Chose Stephen Spalding Esq. said committee

Voted to dismiss the meeting

Amos Carlton Mod —

Recorded by E. F. Weston Town Clerk



Annual Election Nov. 14 - 1842

Warrant

(L.S.)  
(L.S.)  
(L.S.)  
Middlesex } To wit: of the Constables of the  
town of Chelmsford - Greeting  
For the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
you are required to notify & warn the Inhabitants  
of the town of Chelmsford qualified to vote in  
Elections to meet at the Academy in the center of said  
town on Monday the fourteenth day of November, instant  
(being the second Monday of said month) at nine o'clock  
before noon - To bring in their votes for a governor, &  
Lieutenant Governor of this Commonwealth, and for six  
senators for the district of Middlesex, all on one  
ballot - Also to bring in their votes for a Representative  
in the Congress of the United States for district  
No. 3 - And likewise at the same time & place  
to choose a Representative to represent them in the  
General Court to be held at Boston on the first  
Wednesday of January next -

The Polls will be opened at 10 o'clock  
A.M. -

And you are directed to serve this  
warrant by posting up true & attested  
thereof, at each of the public meeting  
Houses & at Gray's Tavern so that the  
same may stand over two Sabbaths previous  
to the time of holding said meeting -

Hereof fail not and make true  
return of this warrant with your doing  
thereon to ourselves at or before the time  
of said meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands & seals this third  
day of November Eighteen hundred & forty two

E. F. Webster } Selectmen  
Amos Carlton } of  
Dean Holt } Chelmsford

Middlesex ss November 14 1842 - I have served the above  
warrant by posting up attested copies as therein directed

Willard Reed Constable of  
Chelmsford

## Annual Election Nov. 14 - 1842

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the constitution to vote for governor and Lieutenant Governor, holden on the fourteenth day of November, being the second Monday of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty two for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of said Commonwealth, - the whole number of persons who gave in their votes was ascertained, as is directed in the Revised Statutes, / Chapt. 4, Sec 13, by counting the whole number of separate ballots given in, and the whole number of ballots was - three hundred & twenty two

And the whole number of votes given in for Governor were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made, as by the constitution is directed - and were for the following persons; -

|              |   |                 |                          |
|--------------|---|-----------------|--------------------------|
| For Governor | { | Marcus Morton   | one hundred eighty       |
|              |   |                 | - six votes.             |
|              |   | John Davis      | one hundred thirty votes |
|              | { | Samuel & Sewall | six votes                |



Annual Election Nov. 14 - 1842

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of  
the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middle-  
sex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualifi-  
ed by the Constitution to vote for Governor, <sup>and</sup> Lieutenant  
Governor, holden on the fourteenth day of Novem-  
ber; being the second Monday of said month, in  
the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and forty two for the purpose of giving in their  
votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of said  
Commonwealth; - the whole number of persons who  
gave in their votes was ascertained, as is directed  
in the Revised Statutes, (Chap. 4. Sec. 13.) by  
counting the whole number of separate ballots  
given in, and the whole number of ballots was -  
Three hundred & twenty two

And the whole numbers of votes given in  
for Lieutenant Governor were sorted, counted,  
recorded, and declaration thereof made, as  
by the constitution is directed - and were for  
the following persons: -

|                          |   |                |                          |
|--------------------------|---|----------------|--------------------------|
| For<br>Lieut<br>Governor | { | Henry E Childs | one hundred eighty       |
|                          |   |                | six votes                |
|                          |   | Geo. Hull      | one hundred thirty votes |
|                          | { | Wm Jackson     | six votes                |

General Election Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> 1842

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex & Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Senators, holden on the fourteenth day of November, being the second Monday of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty two for the purpose of giving in their votes for Senators for the district of Middlesex - The whole number of persons who gave in their votes was ascertained as is directed in the Revised Statutes, (Chap. 4, Sec. 19,) by counting the number of separate ballots given in and the whole number of ballots was -

Three hundred and seven

And the whole number of votes were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed - and were for the following persons: -

|                                |                         |                                           |                                |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| For<br>Senators<br>= 1000      | {                       | Josiah G. Abbott of Lowell                | one hundred eighty four votes  |
|                                |                         | Jonathan Hartwell of Littleton            | one hundred eighty seven votes |
|                                |                         | Francis R. Gungor of Concord              | one hundred eighty six votes   |
|                                |                         | Frederick Robinson of Charlestown         | one hundred eighty seven votes |
|                                |                         | James Fuller of Weston                    | one hundred eighty seven votes |
|                                |                         | Thos. J. Greenwood of Marlboro.           | one hundred eighty seven votes |
|                                |                         | Elisha Huntington of Lowell               | one hundred twenty nine        |
|                                |                         | Bryce Thompson of Charlestown             | one hundred twenty nine        |
|                                |                         | Geo F. Lawson of Peppond                  | one hundred twenty nine        |
|                                |                         | Charles Choate of Woburn                  | one hundred twenty nine        |
| Joseph Barnett of Concord      | one hundred twenty nine |                                           |                                |
| Henry Wilson of Watic          | one hundred twenty nine |                                           |                                |
| Isaac Adams of Townsend        | five votes              |                                           |                                |
| David Goodale of Marlboro.     | five votes              |                                           |                                |
| Bucklin Fitts of Littleton     | five votes              |                                           |                                |
| James L. F. Warner of Brighton | five votes              |                                           |                                |
| John Fletcher of Acton         | five votes              |                                           |                                |
| Geo J. Parr of Lowell          | five votes              |                                           |                                |
| Charles T. Bird of Chelmsford  | one vote                |                                           |                                |
|                                |                         | Edw. Weston<br>James Carlton<br>Dean Hall | Selectmen of<br>Chelmsford     |



(Congress)

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Annual Election Nov. 14 1842

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the general Court, holden on the fourteenth day of November, being the second Monday of said month, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty five, for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representation of said Commonwealth, in the Congress of the United States for District No. three - The whole number of persons who gave in their votes was ascertained as is directed in the Revised Statutes (Chap. 4. Sec. 13) by counting the number of separate ballots given in, and the whole number of ballots was - three hundred & seventeen

And the whole number of votes given in were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made as by law is directed - and were for the following persons: -

Joseph W. Mansue of Lowell one hundred  
eighty one votes

John P. Robinson of Lowell one hundred and  
ten votes

Caleb Cushing of Newburyport eighteen votes

John G. Whittier of Haverhill six votes

Elisha Huntington of Lowell one

Charles T. Bird of Chelmsford one

E. F. Webster Sec. of  
Am. Convention of  
Dear Sirs Chelmsford

Recorded by E. F. Webster town Clerk

( Town of Chelmsford Nov. 14 - 1842  
Pursuant to the warrant the Inhabitants of  
said town of Chelmsford qualified to vote in Ele-  
ction met at the Hall of the Academy, when &  
where the following votes were passed & proceedings  
had to wit:-

Voted To send one Representative to the general  
court to be held in Boston on the first Wednesday  
of January next -

The Polls were then opened for Gov. Lieut Gov.  
Senators Representatives to Congress for Dist No 3,  
Special Commissioner & Town Representation  
and the Selectmen stated that the Polls for  
the choice of town Representation would be  
closed at 3 O'clock P.M. unless the town  
should otherwise order.

At three O'clock (there being no objection)  
the Polls were closed for town representation  
and the votes were sorted, counted, recorded,  
& declaration thereof made & were as follows

|                  |           |
|------------------|-----------|
| Isa. Fadyman 2d  | 121 votes |
| Amos Carlton     | 94 votes  |
| Saml. P. Hadley  | 94 votes  |
| Isaac Crocker    | 1 vote    |
| William Boatt    | 1 vote    |
| Charles T. Bird  | 1 vote    |
| Joseph Warren jr | 1 vote    |

It was then moved that the meeting for the  
choice of Town Representation be adjourned  
to tomorrow at One O'clock in the afternoon  
and the question was taken by dividing the  
house & upon count it was found that  
112 voted in the affirmative & 108 in the  
negative

The meeting was then declared adjourned  
to tomorrow the 15<sup>th</sup> day of Nov instant at  
One O'clock P.M. to meet at this place  
Nov. 15 - Met according to the adjournment



And after reading the foregoing proceedings the Polls were opened at half past One O'clock P.M. and at 40 minutes past Three (there being no objections) the Polls were closed. and the whole number of persons who gave in their votes was ascertained by counting the whole number of separate ballots given in and the whole number was two hundred and forty one, (necessary for a chain 121)

And the whole number of votes were sorted, counted, recorded & declaration thereof made & were as follows  
Doct. Paul Kittredge one hundred & twenty one votes (121)  
and was elected

|                                  |                    |    |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|----|
| Capt Ezra Hodgman 2 <sup>d</sup> | ninety one votes   | 91 |
| Amos Carlton                     | twenty three votes | 23 |
| Saml. P. Hadley                  | five votes         | 5  |
| Joseph Warren Jr                 | one vote           | 1  |

Voted To dismiss the meeting  
Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk

### Commonwealth of Massachusetts

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford qualified to vote in Elections legally held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of Nov. 1842 for the purpose of giving in their votes for a special Commissioner to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Timothy Prescott Esq. The whole number of ballots was three hundred & five, and the whole number of votes were sorted, counted, recorded & declaration thereof made in open Town Meeting & were as follows to wit:—

|               |                                |     |
|---------------|--------------------------------|-----|
| Ephraim Moore | one hundred eighty two votes   | 182 |
| Charles Adams | one hundred twenty three votes | 123 |

E. F. Webster ) Selectman  
Amos Carlton ) of  
Sean Holt } Chelmsford

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk

Centre Meeting House

"To Messrs E. F. Webster James Barton,  
Joseph Manning, Solomon Parkhurst, and  
Joseph Reed a Committee of the Stockholders  
of the contemplated house of worship in  
the Centre of the town of Chelmsford.

Gentlemen

In answer to a request made by you to the  
Standing Committee of the first Congregational  
Society of said town for permission to erect a  
Church on or near the spot on which the old  
Meeting house lately stood, I was to furnish  
you with a Copy of a vote passed by said  
Society at a legal Meeting held on June  
21<sup>st</sup> 1842 which vote was as follows viz:-

Whereas sundry persons Inhabitants of the  
Town of Chelmsford propose erecting a house  
for public worship on or near the spot where  
the Meeting House of the first Congregational  
Society in Chelmsford lately stood, and have  
requested said Society to grant them liberty to  
set said Meeting House on the land belonging  
to said Society; Therefore Voted, that such  
persons as shall associate & unite for this purpose  
have liberty to place the said Meeting House on  
the Society's land, on or near the site of the  
old house - And that the house so erected  
may remain there so long as the same shall  
continue to be used & occupied as a place  
of Public Worship. Provided always that the  
owners or Proprietors of said Meeting house  
shall never acquire or gain any title to land  
under or about said house by virtue of this  
vote nor by reason of occupation hereafter  
beyond the right of having their house so  
remain on said spot while the same is used  
and occupied as above stated "

Otis Adams, Clerk of  
said Society,

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk



## Election 3 District Congress

Warrant.

Middlesex ss To each of the constables of the  
Town of Chelmsford Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
L.S. you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhab-  
L.S. itants of the town of Chelmsford qualified to vote  
L.S. for Representative in the general Court of this  
Commonwealth to assemble at the Academy Hall  
in said Town on Monday the thirtieth day of  
February next at 12 O'clock at noon to give in  
their votes for a Representative in the Congress  
of the United States for District No 3.

The Polls will be opened at 1 O'clock P.M.

And you are likewise required to take  
the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in town  
affairs to meet at the same time & place to act on  
the following articles to wit:-

- 1 To Choose a Moderator
- 2 At the request of Henry Boone & others,  
to see if the town will afford any aid in  
procuring a Bell for the use of the town to  
be placed on the new Church in the centre  
of the town or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant  
by putting up true & attested copies thereof  
at each of the places specified by the votes  
of the town so that the same may stand  
over two sabbaths previous to the time of  
holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return  
of this warrant with your doings thereon to  
ourselves at or before the time of holding  
said meeting.

Given under our hands & seals the  
thirty first day of January A.D. 1843

E. J. Webster } Selectmen  
Amos Carlton }  
Liam Holt } of Chelmsford

Speers return

Middletown N. H. Chelmsford Feb. 13 1843

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at each of the places within named so that they have stood over two sabbaths before the time of holding this meeting

Willard Reed } Constable of  
Chelmsford

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote of Representatives in the General Court, holden on the Thirtieth day of February being the Second Monday of said month, in the year one thousand eight hundred & forty three; for the purpose of giving in their votes for a representation of said Commonwealth, in the Congress of the United States for District Number Three The whole number of persons who gave in their votes was ascertained as is directed in the Revised Statutes, / Chapt. 4. Sec. 13 / by counting the number of separate ballots given in, and the whole number of ballots was two hundred eighty three

And the whole number of votes given in were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made, as by Law is directed - and were for the following persons to wit

- Joseph W. Mansen - one hundred sixty three 163
- Amos Abbott - one hundred fifteen 115
- Caleb Cushing - two 2
- John G. Whittier three 3

E. F. Webster } Selectman  
Amos Carlton } of  
Dean Holt } Chelmsford

W. H. M. E. F. Webster Town Clerk



Town Meeting Feb 13 1843

The Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford qualified to vote in town affairs met according to the warrant when the following resolutions were passed and proceedings had

Chose Charles T. Bird Moderator

Voted That the sum of one hundred dollars be appropriated by the town in part payment for a Bell to be placed on the new church over the town house, and that the Selectmen be directed to draw on the Treasurer of the Town for the same to be paid out of any money not otherwise appropriated & that the Bell shall be used at all Public Meetings of the Town, and the Citizens shall have the use of said Bell on all proper occasions.

Voted That the sum hereby appropriated shall be subject to the order of the Committee appointed at a former meeting to cause a basement story to be built for the use of the town.

Voted To Dissolve the Meeting —

C. T. Bird Moderator

Recorded by E. F. Melster Town Clerk

Warrant  
Middlesex Town Meeting March 6-1843

Warrant  
Middlesex Town Meeting March 6-1843  
To a true of the Constables of the town  
of Chelmsford - Greeting -

(L. 1.) In the name of the Commonwealth of  
(L. 2.) Massachusetts you are directed to notify the Inhabitants  
(L. 3.) of the town of Chelmsford qualified to vote  
in Elections & in Town affairs, to meet at the Town  
Hall in the Centre of said Town on Monday the  
8th day of March next at 9 o'clock before  
noon. Then & there to act on the following articles viz:-

- 1- To Choose a Moderator
- 2- To Choose all necessary town officers for the  
year ensuing
- 3- To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer  
for the county of Middlesex
- 4- To hear the Reports of the Overseers of the Poor - the  
Committee to settle with the Treasurer - and any other  
Committees which may have been appointed, and  
act thereon
- 5- To determine the manner of repairing the Highways  
Town-ways & Bridges the ensuing year
- 6- To raise & appropriate such sums of money as  
may be necessary for the Support of the Schools -  
the Poor - and all other town Charges
- 7- At the request of Otis Adams & others - To  
require of the Town of Milton the County  
Commissioners for Middlesex County to discontinue  
the road as laid out by them from Temple  
Hearings to the Stone point on the lat Middle-  
sex Turnpike. To give the town further time  
to finish said road
- 8- To have a Committee to regulate the charges  
of the District School Libraries, or act on any  
matter relating to said Libraries
- 9- To Choose a Committee to make the next annual  
settlement with the Town Treasurer
- 10- To let out the Collection of taxes for 1843

And you are directed to serve this warrant



(pass. t. 12)

by hosting in town and attended after church at each  
of the several Meeting Houses and at the Bar of St.  
James in Dublin so that the same was done  
two Sabbath's previous to the time of taking the same

E. H. Wilbur } Selectmen  
( Amos Carlton }  
Dean Hall- } Chelmsford

Received of J. B. March 6<sup>th</sup> 1843

Town of Woburn - Middlesex County -  
Inasmuch as the warrant the Inhabitants of said Town  
assembled & vote in Elections & in town affairs met  
at the Town Hall on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March 1843  
where the following votes were passed and proce-  
dings had to wit -

Chose Alpheus Spalding Esq. Moderator  
Reviewed & counted the votes for a Clerk of said Town, and  
the number of votes was 203

E. F. Webster had 134 & was chosen & duly sworn by the  
Moderator in open town meeting.

Voted To choose three Selectmen all on one Ballot

Chose E. F. Webster, Amos Carlton & John Holt Selectmen  
Whole number of ballots was 231

E. F. Webster had 151 - Amos Carlton 155 & John Holt 154  
& 62 ballots were thrown away  
Parker 19 - Eben Parody 35 - Scattering 9

Chose Major Joseph Manning Town Treasurer (unanimous)

Voted To adjourn at 3 1/2 minutes

Met according to adjournment

Voted To choose two Constables on one Ballot

Chose William K. Cochran & Vattam P. Gadsden

Voted That the reports of the Overseers of the poor be read  
and also the School Committee's report & the Committee  
to settle with their Treasurers

Read the Report of the Overseers of the Poor

Voted To accept the Report

Read the Report of the Committee of appraisal -

Voted To accept the Report

Read The Report of the Committee to settle with the Treasurer

Voted to accept the Report

Voted not to choose a Board of Overseers of the Poor separate  
from the Selectmen

Voted To choose a School Committee of three persons

Chose Rev. B. F. Clark & John Parkhurst on the  
first Ballot - and Eph. S. Adams on the second  
Ballot - said Committee

Voted To choose a Field Drive in each School District



Annual Town Meeting Contd 27  
March 3, 1853

- Those for Dist. No. 1. - Elbert J. Coddridge - No 2. - David C. Loomis - declined - No 3. - William S. Bryan - No 4. - Joseph Manning - No 5. - Eph. S. Bryan - No 6. - Benjamin Livingston - No 7. - Josiah Dickinson - No 8. - Gen. Benjamin Adams - No 9. - Saml. Parker Esq. - No 10. - George B. Meader - No 11. - Charles Hurd
- Voted that the Field-Officers be sworn immediately
- Voted to choose five fence viewers. & that they be nominated in the Chair
- Those Chosen - Elbert Coddridge - Josiah Bryan - Elijah Dickinson - Parker Dutton & William Tyler. Fence viewers
- Voted that all officers of whom an oath is required, be sworn immediately after Chosen
- Voted to choose ten Surveyors of Highways
- Those Chosen - Gardner Fletcher - Francis Loomis - Rufus Brown - Joseph Bowers - Nath. Marshall - John Furrer - Joseph Warren Jr - Parker Dutton - Joel B. Wright - Joseph Manning - Surveyors of Highways -
- Voted to choose ten Surveyors of Land
- Voted to add one to the number of Surveyors
- Those Chosen - Samuel Coady - John Swift - Charles Wood - William Bowers - Henry Bryan - E. P. Parker - Isaac Crook - Sprague Livingston - John Larson - W. A. McLean - Dawson Pollard
- Voted to choose nine measurers of wood
- Those Chosen - Adams C. Parker - Henry M. Cushman - William Bowers - Samuel S. Parkhurst - Saml. P. Hadley - John Swift - Benjamin Fletcher - James W. Litchman
- Voted that all further proceedings in regard to administering oaths be dispensed with
- Voted to choose two Inspectors of Lumber
- Those Chosen - William Hildreth & Eph. S. Bryan
- Voted to choose five weighers of Lumber
- Those Chosen - Joseph M. Smith - Jonathan Reed - Joseph C. Hallowell - Augustus E. Hildreth
- Voted that when this meeting adjourns & adjourn to the first Wednesday in April to meet at this place at 10 o'clock & 2 o'clock

45 The votes for Samuels Treasurers were sorted. Counted & declared  
were for Sedman. Buttrick one hundred ninety four votes  
Voted To rein the 5<sup>th</sup> article in the warrant to the Selectmen  
and that they report at an adjournment of the

Voted To raise 400 dollars for the Support of the Poor  
Voted To raise 1500. dollars for the Support of Schools  
Voted To leave 200 dollars to be divided among the small  
districts at the discretion of the Selectmen  
Voted To raise 2000. dollars for Incidental Charges  
Voted to adjourn the meeting to April 3<sup>d</sup> 1843. at 12  
O'clock at noon to meet at this place

The vote was doubted & a call of the house called  
for but no question was taken thereon  
Voted To raise 500 dollars for the repairs of roads &  
Bridges  
Voted To reconsider the vote referring the 3<sup>rd</sup> article to  
the Selectmen

Voted To adjourn the meeting  
April 3-1842 Pursuant to the adjournment  
the Inhabitants met at the Town Hall and the  
Moderator called the meeting to order when  
the following proceedings were had to wit:-

Voted that all present be seated  
Voted That the vote for the raising of 500 dollars for the  
repairs of Highways, and the vote reconsidering  
the vote referring the 5 article to the Selectmen  
be erased from the record, on account of  
informality in deciding the question of adjourn-  
ment immediately preceeding said votes  
Voted That the Highways - Town-ways & Bridges be  
repaired in the same way and manner as  
last year

Voted To raise one thousand dollars for the repairs  
of the Highways Town-ways & Bridges the ensuing  
year \$ 1000.

Voted That the Selectmen be instructed not to  
grant any Surveyor of Highways permission  
to lay out any money more than is committ-  
ed to him in his list without previously



examining defects themselves, & that they instruct an  
Surveyor to examine carefully all the roads and  
repair the worst places first -

Voted To pass over the 7<sup>th</sup> article for the present

Voted To postpone the 8<sup>th</sup> article indefinitely

Voted To choose a committee to settle with the Townsman -

Chose Eli Adams Daniel Parker Esq & Capt. Geo. Hodgman  
said Committee

Voted To take up the 7<sup>th</sup> article

It was moved that the 7<sup>th</sup> article be dismissed

Voted That the question be taken by each voter rising in  
his seat & standing untill counted

On a count there <sup>were</sup> declared to be 82 yeas and 61 nays  
so the article was dismissed -

Voted To let out the Collection of taxes immediately to the  
lowest bidder

The collection of the taxes for 1843 were then bid off  
by Willard Reed at five cent & five mills on  
the dollar - {1 Cent & 5 mills)

Chose Willard Reed Collector of taxes for 1843 by  
ballot -

It was then moved to take 300 dollars from the School  
money & appropriate it to the payment of the town's  
debts -

Voted To take the question by rising in their seats  
On a count the vote was declared to be 56 yeas  
and 88 nays - Motion lost

Voted To dismiss the meeting -

Stephen Spalding Mod.

# Town Officers Chosen March 6 1843

... of ... is required ...

E. F. Foster - Town Clerk sworn March 6

E. F. Foster }  
 Amos Carlton } Selectmen x }  
 Jean Hatt } Assessors }

Wm R Cochran }  
 & P. ... } ... sworn March 6

Alister Kettledge }  
 C. L. Dunn } " " 6

Joseph Warrington }  
 Rufus Brown } " " 6

Benjamin Livingston }  
 Josiah Richardson } Drivers

Wm. Benj. Adams }  
 Saml Parker Esq } " " "

Geo. B. Meader }  
 Charles Hyde } " " "

Dr. Paul Kettledge }  
 Josiah Byam } Fence Viewers  
 Elijah Richardson }  
 Parker Sutton }  
 William ... }

Ardena Fletcher }  
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South

James Griffin (House) 1843 # of claim in 24th, 25th, 26th

James Griffin

Edw. P. Parker

James Griffin

James Griffin

James Griffin

James Griffin

James Griffin

Edw. P. Parker

James M. Griffin

Alphus Bowers

Samuel S. Parkhurst

Samuel P. Sadler

Wm Sweet

Benjamin Fletcher

James Whittemore

Joseph W. Smith

Joseph Reed

Joseph E. Haywood

Augustus E. Spalding & Co

John Childreth

Edw. L. Byam

1843

of

of

Inspectors

of Line

Report of the Overseers of the Poor in the Town  
 of Hildreth, for the year ending March 22 1843.

|                                                                                |           |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Paid for Provisions, Clothing, Farming tools &c -                              | 281.62    |
| " Doct F. M. Kittredge for professional services                               | 20.00     |
| " Abbott & Brown for costs on Wm Hildreth's case                               | 24.00     |
| " Lora & Procter for Coffins                                                   | 10.00     |
| " Sexton                                                                       | 8.00      |
| " Nathaniel Watson for Saml Ditton's Support in <sup>House of Correction</sup> | 14.25     |
| " Mary L. Shiel for balance due on Plough &c                                   | 9.98      |
| " Amos Carlton for Pasturing Cows                                              | 8.58      |
| " Overseers for their Services                                                 | 17.12     |
| " Superintendent for his services up to April 1-1843-                          | 280.00    |
| " Francis Richardson for Pork                                                  | 21.40     |
| " Small Bills                                                                  | 11.12     |
| Amounting in all to                                                            | \$ 736.76 |

|                                                                                                               |           |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Received for Poodum Sold                                                                                      | 270.66    |
| " of Town Treasurers                                                                                          | 400.00    |
| " of Wm Hildreth                                                                                              | 85.25     |
| Due from State for Support and <sup>Charges of State Teachers</sup> <del>Support</del> and <del>Support</del> | 21.75     |
| Cash on hand                                                                                                  | 68.85     |
| Amounting in all to                                                                                           | \$ 846.51 |

Leaving a balance in favor of the Town of \$ 139.75

|                                                   |    |
|---------------------------------------------------|----|
| The number of Paupers now at Almshouse is         | 13 |
| " Greatest number at any one time during the year | 15 |
| " Average number                                  | 13 |
| No. of Deaths since March 1842 -                  | 2  |

Respectfully submitted by

E. F. Webster } Overseers  
 Amos Carlton } of the  
 Dean Hobb. } Poor



1.  
A. appraisal of Property at the Town's Farm  
The subscribers & Committee appointed by the Town of  
Chelmsford at their Annual Town Meeting in Jan. 1862  
for the purpose of appraising the Personal Property of the  
Town Poor Farm. We have attended & that Service and present  
the following Schedule of said Property viz

|                             |        |                                    |        |
|-----------------------------|--------|------------------------------------|--------|
| 1 Horse valued at           | 20.00  | 4 Ant Brat up                      | 537.57 |
| 1 yoke oxen                 | 75.00  | 35 <sup>th</sup> Sack              | 3.55   |
| 4 Farrow Cows               | 44.00  | 15 <sup>th</sup> Sack              | 1.20   |
| 1 Mith do                   | 20.00  | 1 Barrel Cracked                   | 2.75   |
| 2 Cows with calf            | 50.00  | 15 Gall. Applesauce                | 3.00   |
| 3 Swine                     | 20.00  | Sized Apple                        | 3.20   |
| 8 Fowls                     | 2.66   | 30 <sup>th</sup> Bro. Sugar        | 2.10   |
| Amount of Live Stock        | 231.66 | 20. Flour                          | .60    |
| 8 Tons English Hay          | 106.00 | 4. Saleratus                       | .32    |
| 50 <sup>th</sup> of Straw   | 2.00   | Spices                             | .51    |
| 64 Bushels Corn             | 48.00  | Coffee & Tea                       | 1.51   |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Oats        | 1.85   | Reg & Molasses                     | .51    |
| Seed Corn                   | 1.25   | 3/4 Bush Salt                      | .37    |
| 6 Bush Rye                  | 4.80   | Am't of vegetables and             |        |
| 2 <sup>th</sup> meal        | 1.55   | eatables 166.99                    |        |
| Am't of Hay & Grain         | 165.45 | 118 <sup>th</sup> Tallow & Candles | 8.26   |
| 130 Bush. Potatoes          | 29.90  | 1/2 Barrel Soap                    | 2.50   |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> Small "    | 6.00   | 4 Pots Grease                      | 2.00   |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Beans       | 6.50   | Am't. 12.76                        |        |
| 1/2 <sup>th</sup> Onions    | .75    | 1 Horse Wagon                      | 15.00  |
| 1/2 Barrel Apples           | 1.88   | 1 Hay do                           | 3.50   |
| Lat Cabbages, Turnips &c    | 1.00   | 1 Sleigh & Buffalo                 | 3.50   |
| 320 <sup>th</sup> Salt Beef | 20.80  | 1 Sleigh Harness                   | 13.00  |
| 350 <sup>th</sup> " Pork    | 38.50  | 1 ox Cart                          | 17.00  |
| 1 Keg Pickles               | 1.00   | 2 ox Sleds                         | 8.00   |
| 204 <sup>th</sup> Hams      | 16.32  | 1 Hay Cart Wagon                   | 1.25   |
| 130 <sup>th</sup> Cheese    | 7.30   | 6 Axes                             | 6.00   |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> Butter     | 7.50   | 1 Wood Saw                         | .75    |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> Fresh Meat | 1.75   | 2 Saddles                          | 1.75   |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Sausages   | 1.20   | 4 Draught Chains                   | 4.00   |
| Am't of Am't up             | 337.57 | 4 Iron Shovels                     | 1.75   |
|                             |        | 1 Harrow                           | 3.50   |
|                             |        | Am't carried over                  | 652.86 |

|                                                     |        |                             |        |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------|--------|
| 1 Ant. Bro. oven                                    | 652.86 | 1 Ant. Bro. up              | 806.35 |
| Buttle & 2 lodges                                   | .75    | 20 Tin. Milk Pan            | 4.00   |
| Grass at harness for horse                          | 2.50   | 17 Earthen "                | 1.00   |
| 2 Wooden Shovels                                    | .30    | 16 " Pots                   | 1.00   |
| 3 Manure Forks                                      | 1.00   | Lot Tin ware                | 2.00   |
| 2 " "                                               | .5     | 1 Milk Pan                  | .40    |
| 2 Tin Bays                                          | 2.25   | 1 " Milk Can                | .30    |
| 8 Hair. 3 Scythes & 3 Meathes                       | 3.50   | Crockery & Glassware        | 5.00   |
| 1 Narrow Hae                                        | .25    | 1 Clock                     | 3.50   |
| Horse Fellers                                       | 1.25   | 4 Iron Pots & 3 Kettles     | 3.00   |
| 2 64 rakes                                          | 3.75   | 3 Tea Kettles               | 1.25   |
| 1 Hay Feller                                        | .25    | 6 Spiders                   | 1.00   |
| 3 Rings Hand saw Pincers                            | 1.25   | 3 Table cloth & 2 oil do    | 1.83   |
| 1 Lawn Knife                                        | .50    | 2 Grid-iron & 2 toasters    | 1.00   |
| 1 Nail Hammer & 3 gimlets                           | 1.00   | 1 Tin Baker                 | .30    |
| 1 Grindstone                                        | 5.00   | 4 Flat Irons                | .75    |
| 2 Board seats                                       | .50    | 20 Knives & forks           | 1.00   |
| 4 Hay Forks                                         | 2.11   | 17 Table spoons & 15 ladles | .70    |
| 3 " Rakes                                           | .83    | 2 Brass Candle sticks       | .50    |
| 14 Cord wood gotten for the <sup>fire</sup> } (0.00 |        | 3 Milk Pails & 1 strainer   | .83    |
| 1st oak Trunk                                       | 3.00   | 1 Coffee Mill               | .25    |
| 2 Grain Cherts                                      | 4.00   | 1 Warming Pan & 1 Bed "     | 2.00   |
| 1 Half Bushel & 1 pk.                               | .20    | 1 Pair Bellows              | .12    |
| 2 Baskets & 1 Cider Knife                           | .67    | 3 Iron Fire Setts           | 2.50   |
| 3 Cast Iron Plows                                   | 16.00  | 2 Brass Kettles             | 4.00   |
| 1 Wheel Barrow                                      | .50    | 1 Large Iron "              | 1.50   |
| 1 Cider Tub                                         | .30    | 15 Beds & Bed Stands        | 50.00  |
| 10 Bbls Cider                                       | 21.33  | 7 Pair Blankets             | 6.00   |
| 2 Cider Casks                                       | 1.50   | 24 Quilts & Comforters      | 24.00  |
| 1 Bbl & vinegar                                     | 2.00   | 15 pr Sheets                | 10.00  |
| 1 Horse Blanket                                     | .50    | 22 pr Pillow Cases          | 2.75   |
| 20 Dry Casks                                        | 2.00   | 12 Towels                   | .50    |
| 7 Meal Bays                                         | .50    | 1 Cooking Stove & apparatus | 18.00  |
| 1 Churn & Churn Press                               | 5.00   | 4 Small Stoves              | 15.00  |
| 8 Old Tables & light stand                          | 1.75   | 12 Chests 10 Trunks         | 6.50   |
| 6 new Chairs & 1 box chair                          | 4.30   | 6 Bibles                    | 2.00   |
| 30 Old Chairs                                       | 1.00   | Total & sent \$             | 981.53 |
| 2 Rocking Chairs                                    | .75    |                             |        |
|                                                     | 806.55 |                             |        |

March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1843

Respectfully Submitted  
by Mrs. H. H. Spalding



# Settlement with the Treasurer March 4-1843

The Committee & those at the last March meeting to make the annual Settlement with the Town Treasurer have attended to that duty and would make the following Report

|                                                                                      |                  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| The Treasurer charges himself with money received of Samuel B. Hunt former Treasurer | 723.1            |
| Cash received of Ephraim Parker Collector for 1840                                   | 100.00           |
| " " " B. F. Adams Collector for 1842                                                 | 3203.30          |
| State Treasurer for School Fund                                                      | 50.03            |
| " " " for Militia service in 1841                                                    | 15.00            |
|                                                                                      | <u>\$ 442.14</u> |

And is Credited by Sundry }  
 Town & School Orders } 3525.39  
 Leaving a balance in favor of the town in the }  
 Treasurer's hands of } \$ 266.75

Which is respectfully submitted  
 By Oliver Adams  
 Joseph Warren } Committee  
 Samuel F. Wood }

Witnessed by Joseph Warrening Town Treasurer

The Committee further Report that the finances of the Town, as nearly as they can ascertain are as follows

|                                                       |                   |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| There are outstanding orders on interest amounting to | 3242.53           |
| Interest due on the same                              | 132.13            |
| Orders not on interest                                | 47.12             |
| Estimated outstanding bills                           | 696.00            |
|                                                       | <u>\$ 4117.78</u> |

There remains in the hands of the Treasurer 266.75

" " in the hands of B. F. Adams }  
 Collector for 1842 } 387.50  
 Leaving a balance against the town of \$ 134.25  
 \$ 3463.57

Submitted by  
 Oliver Adams  
 Joseph Warren } Committee  
 Samuel F. Wood }

# Report of the School Committee in 1843

When we were first appointed to the Committee to direct & superintend your District schools, we cannot for bear to express our satisfaction in the munificence of your Board in the sum of \$1000 for the public education of your children - In the opinion of some persons in this town, it is a great deal of money to raise in this manner for the purpose of education - that we can consider that the youth of the town, for whose immediate benefit the money was raised will soon be our rulers to make and execute our laws, it seems important, try by so, in the opinion of your Committee, that ample means be provided to qualify them for the important trust - and we are glad to see that money voted for any purpose whatever is not more appropriated than that voted for purposes of our District Schools.

We have felt that this large sum of money has been committed, in an important sense, to our care, and that we are, in a degree responsible for its judicious appropriation and in view of this responsibility we have asked as soon as we could now very briefly give you an account of our Stewardship; and in so doing we should have been better satisfied could we speak as favorably of all the districts as we cheerfully can of most of them.

Of District No. 1 we can give you but an imperfect & to ourselves, an unsatisfactory account - We cannot inform you how much money has been expended in this district as the School has been kept in necessity depend on the Registers which are kept by the teachers for this purpose - A School Register which is kept for the teacher of the summer term is delivered to the teacher of the winter term, to be used by him & returned to your Committee Mr. Morse who during the winter term received the Register kept by Miss Selous the teacher of the Summer School, & being smoked out by his pupils, with the consent of the Prudential Committee & District, but without consultation or the knowledge of your Committee, abandoned the school & omitted to return to us said Register.



With regard to Mr. Morse we feel bound to say, that our opinion was expressed about the time we visited his School at the commencement of the term, that he was the best qualified teacher in the town - He was a member of College, as we were informed & had taught seven schools prior to this. But whether the fault in this school lay with Mr. Morse or with the scholars, we are unable to say, not having an opportunity to learn the merits of the case - The school in this district which was under the care of Miss Richardson was kept 12 weeks during the winter season numbering 35 different scholars - average attendance being 35 - wages of Teacher for month 8 \$ board \$6 -

In District No. 2, outbreaks similar to those noticed in No. 1, took place towards the close of the winter term. Some of the larger boys became disaffected with the Teacher, and their first project to get rid of him was to procure a discontinuance of the School by the Prudential Committee, who at first listened to the suggestion, but upon consultation with your Committee, & a Steward with the Parents of the District, he came to the conclusion that the teacher had better keep the school ~~out~~ the whole time that was at first contemplated, and that course we highly approved. The scholars were thus taught by their Parents, as they always should be in similar circumstances that insubordination in school was not to be tolerated. Notwithstanding this rebuke from the Parents, some evil disposed person or persons not known, but supposed to be scholars of the District, attempted several times to smoke the teacher out, but in this cowardly attempt their efforts proved ineffectual. The teacher did not abandon his school but kept possession to the last, much to the satisfaction of the District generally - This teacher bore an excellent examination before your Committee in literary acquirements, but we could not judge of his tact & communication in knowledge, or his government of a school - And we were satisfied from the appearance of the school at the closing examination that the teacher who had some before taught school had failed in the particulars complained of by some of the scholars, & yet, in order & discipline - But we could not approve of forcible measures by the scholars to drive out the teacher, and

we hope to have the concurrence of the Parents with  
 view to let scholars understand that they have only  
 make out their teacher & get rid of him & there will  
 stand in almost all our schools some ready teacherish  
 men, many of whom are not in the school themselves  
 & only in school, but are likely to take <sup>such</sup> as to affect  
 the teacher through life. Difficulties between teachers  
 & scholars are always to be deplored, but we can not entertain  
 the belief that this district will suffer eventually from the  
 occurrences we have described - The whole number of  
 scholars in District No. 2 was 44, attendance 14 weeks of half  
 per month 15 \$ - board 9 \$ - Summer school 16 weeks, average  
 attendance 11 - wages 6 \$ - per month, board  
 District No. 3 - The summer school was continued 12  
 weeks, number of scholars 44, average attendance 32  
 wages of teacher per month 7 \$ - board per mo. 5 \$ The winter  
 school was kept 11 weeks & 4 days - whole number of scholars 53  
 average attendance 40 - wages of teacher per month 18 \$ - board 7 \$  
 District No. 4 - Summer school 13 weeks - number of scholars  
 31 - average attendance 23 - wages of teacher per month 5 \$ board 6 \$  
 winter school 10 1/2 weeks - number of scholars 35 - average attendance  
 24 - wages of teacher 28 \$ per mo. board 8 \$  
 District No. 5 - Summer school 15 weeks - number of scholars  
 41 - average attendance 23 - wages of teacher per mo. 5 \$ board 4 \$  
 Winter school 9 weeks - number of scholars 41 - average attendance  
 30 - wages of teacher per mo. 18 \$ - board 7 \$  
 District No. 6, Summer school 12 weeks - number of  
 scholars 20 - average attendance 11 - wages of teacher per mo. 5 \$  
 board 5 \$ - Winter school 11 weeks - number of scholars 21  
 average attendance 18 - wages of teacher per month 14 \$ board  
 7 \$ - In this district the average attendance during  
 the winter <sup>term</sup> was greater than in any other school in  
 town, but during the summer term less. There  
 was but one more scholar in the winter school than  
 in the summer, yet the average attendance was in  
 the proportion of 11 to 18 - or in other words, while  
 but one seventh of the winter term was lost to this  
 district by absence; almost half of the summer  
 school was lost from that cause.



District No. 1. - Summer school 10 weeks - number of scholars 40 - average attendance 27 - wages of teacher per mo. 4 \$ Board 4 \$ Winter school 10 weeks - number of scholars 36 - average attendance 19 - wages of teacher per mo. 4 \$ Board 3 \$

District No. 3. - Summer school 14 weeks - number of scholars 39 - average attendance 27 - wages of teacher per mo. 4 \$ Board 4 \$ Winter school 10 weeks - number of scholars 36 - average attendance 19 - wages of teacher per mo. 4 \$ Board 3 \$ In this District the teacher has been employed, by subscription to continue the school one month.

District No. 4. - Summer school 16 weeks - number of scholars 83 - average attendance 52 - wages of teacher 8 \$ per mo. Board 6 \$ - Winter school 12 weeks - number of scholars 66 - average attendance 42 - wages of teacher per mo. 17 \$ Board 5.50 \$

In this District the summer school was continued by subscription several weeks -

District No. 5. - Summer school 16 weeks - number of scholars 36 - average attendance 27 - wages of teacher per mo. 4 \$ Board 4 \$ Winter school 12 weeks - number of scholars 36 - average attendance 19 - wages of teacher per mo. 4 \$ Board 3 \$

District No. 6. - Summer school 18 weeks - number of scholars 68 - average attendance 37 - wages of teacher per mo. 5 \$ Board 6 \$ Winter school 22 weeks - number of scholars 76 - average attendance 33 - wages of teacher per mo. 8 \$ Board 6 \$

In some districts, as in this one, we have found great diversity of books upon the same subject of study - for instance, as many as give different authors upon Geography - Of course give different classes in Geography. Now it requires, among attentive scholars, no more time of the teacher to hear a recitation of a class of two scholars than a class of two. So that if all the geographies were from the same author three fifths of the time necessarily devoted by the teacher to the five classes might be saved - Nearly the same loss is sustained by the great variety of books upon arithmetic & upon some other branches of study as our common school books - We therefore recommend parents before purchasing school books, to ascertain from the teacher or School Committee those most suitable - We could dwell with pleasure could we be allowed time upon the proficiency which in

our judgment some schools generally have made the part  
and an interest and apparent thirst  
for knowledge which we did not notice the year previous  
it is all the more remarkable indication for the youth  
know more but are persuaded it is partly due to the Parents  
who have manifested an interest in the subject of education  
and many coming did not the previous year, not only by  
their presence in the schools, but evidently by their fire  
which is a direct result of the fact, as well as the  
fact that the parents are more a part of the time  
faith to the moral ~~and~~ intellectual education  
of their children as to other domestic duties which devolve  
upon them, but which hold not a title claim upon  
their attention that their children do

We have not heard a list of complaint against any  
of the former teachers the past year except in District  
No. 7 where there was some dissatisfaction - but none  
among the winter schools except in District No. 1 & 2.  
I can not venture to particularise District school  
No. 3, as worthy of emulation by other Districts.

The interest manifested by the Parents was very  
gratifying - Probably a majority was present at  
the closing examination to witness exhibitions of  
Scholarship in their children; and whether from the  
unobtrusive efforts of the Teacher, or the care and  
attention of the Parents, this school, in our opinion  
stands first in rank among the schools in town  
at the present time.

In conclusion, we recommend to every Parent  
in town a careful examination of the present system  
of education in this Commonwealth. A system in  
our judgment if allowed to stand, which will elevate  
the standard of learning among the people in a  
few years far above the most sanguine expectations  
of the greatest lovers of learning. The Law does not  
require a whit too much. Experience shows, that  
those towns which have observed & kept it to the  
letter & spirit, value it more & more. In the town of  
Cambridge in this County, the School Committee



made 310 visits to their schools the last year, and they recommended to the town in their report to employ an Agent whose whole time should be devoted to the superintendence of their common schools.

We would not be understood as recommending the employment of a person to give his exclusive attention to our schools, but we are persuaded one at least of your Committee ought, not only to visit as often as the law requires in the winter season, but also meet all the Teachers at some convenient place two evenings at least every month for interchange of opinion & consultation upon the subject of Teaching. Such meetings of all the teachers in town with one at least of the town's Committee, we are confident would be attended with beneficial results. Successful modes of Teaching & discipline would be communicated & introduced in all the schools and errors examined & corrected early. So that the usefulness of the school where they might occur should not be lost. But should any Parent say, "the course recommended would cost a large sum of money." We reply, true, it will cost something, but how much will it cost you? - a few cents only. - And what have you on earth of value that you will neglect, unless it be the education of your children, because attention to it may cost you something? - If you can not, in person attend to your farm or store, you will employ some competent person to do it for you, who can attend to every thing your business requires, and give you a full & correct account of your gain or loss. And if your business or circumstances render it impracticable for you in person to superintend the education of your children, upon whom your happiness will depend more than upon your farm or store, will you not cheerfully incur your part of the necessary expense to employ those who are competent and willing to do it for you? - We adopted the same arrangement relative to examining your Teachers, & visiting your schools as the previous year.

Chelmsford }  
 March 6-1843 }

John Parkhurst } School  
 B. F. Clark } Committee  
 Saml Parker }

Recorded by E. S. McComb Town Clerk

April Meeting March 3 1843

Town of Farwell

Resolved } to inform the inhabitants of the town  
 of Farwell } of the following

That the Town of Farwell in the County of Massachusetts

do hereby order to notify & warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Farwell qualified to vote in Elections to meet at the Town Hall on Monday the third day of April next at eleven o'clock in forenoon to bring in their votes for a Representative, who is an Inhabitant of Congress District No. 3, to be elected there in the Congress of the United States, for the term of two years from the fourth day of March 1843.

The Ball will be opened at 12 o'clock at noon and you are also required to notify the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at one o'clock P.M. on said day at the same place to act on the following articles to wit-

- 1- To Choose a Moderator
- 2- To fill all vacant town offices
- 3- To hear the Reports of any Committees & act thereon.
- 4- To see if the town will take measures to have the town Hall insured
- 5- To see if the town will Choose an Agent to secure a competent title to the land on which said Hall is erected
- 6- To see if the town will take any measures relative to the management & preservation of said Hall
- 7- To see if the town will make any alteration or amendment in the regulations concerning warning Town Meetings
- 8- To see if the town will accept of the leasehold story to the new Church as a town Hall for the use of the Town - and also choose a Committee to furnish the Selectmen's room & provide lamps for lighting the Hall or act thereon
- 9- At the request of John Farwell & others - To see if the Town will locate a new Highway District in the Farwell village and make such alterations in other Districts as they may think necessary or act thereon



And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up true & attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses, and at the Tavern of John Gray so that the same may stand over two Sabbaths prior to the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, & make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the time of holding said meeting given under our hands & seals this 22 day of March A.D. 1843.

E. J. Webster  
Amos Carlton } Selectmen of  
Dean Hall } Chelmsford

Moddlesyff I have served the within Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in said town and at Gray's Tavern two Sabbaths before the time of holding this meeting

Nathan P. Sadrum

Constable of Chelmsford

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

A legal meeting of the Freeholders of the  
Town of Shelburne in the County of Middlesex and  
County of Massachusetts, qualified by the  
law to give a vote for Representation in the General  
Court, holden on the third day of April (being the  
first Monday of said month) in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred & forty three, for the  
purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative  
of said Commonwealth, in the Congress of the United  
States, for District number three

The whole number of persons who gave in their  
votes was ascertained as is directed in the  
Revised Statutes, (Chap. 4. Sec. 13) by counting  
the number of separate ballots given in, and  
the whole number of ballots was two hundred  
and forty four

And the whole number of votes given in were  
sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof  
made, as by law is directed - and were as follows

Joseph T. Mansur - one hundred & twenty nine  
Amos Abbott - one hundred & four  
John C. Whittier - five  
Caleb Cushing - three  
Owen Emerson - one  
Nathaniel T. Thurston - one  
J. Richardson Fletcher - one



Pursuant to the warrant the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in town affairs met at the town Hall on Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April 1843 when & where the following votes were passed and proceedings had to wit: —

Chose Charles T Bird Moderator

Voted To pass over the 2<sup>d</sup> article

Voted To pass over the 3<sup>d</sup> article

Voted To pass over the 4<sup>th</sup> article

Voted That the Selectmen obtain all the facts in relation to damages in consequence of the upsetting of the  
X Stage

Voted To pass over the 5<sup>th</sup> article

Voted To pass over the 6<sup>th</sup> article

Voted That the warrants for calling Town meetings be posted at each of the Meeting Houses in town and at Adams Tavern

Voted That the Selectmen furnish the Selectmen's room and procure Lamps for the Hall

Voted To pass over the remaining part of the 8<sup>th</sup> article —

Voted To refer the 9<sup>th</sup> article to the Selectmen to make such division of the Highways district including the Farnell Village as they may think proper

Voted To dismiss the meeting

Charles T Bird  
Moderator

— Election Dist No. 3 - June 5 - 1843  
Warrant

To either of the Constables of the Town  
of Chelmsford — Greeting  
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
you are hereby required to notify & warn the  
Inhabitants of said Town qualified by the Constitution  
to vote in Election to meet at the Town Hall on Monday  
the fifth day of June next at 12 O'clock at noon  
to vote in their votes for a Representative, who is an  
Inhabitant of District No. 3, to represent them in  
the Congress of the United States for two years  
from the fourth day of March 1843 —

The Polls will be opened at one O'clock P.M.

And you are likewise required to notify the  
Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in  
town affairs to meet at the same time & place  
to act on the following articles to wit:—

- 1<sup>st</sup> To Choose a Moderator
- 2<sup>nd</sup> At the request of Joseph Bowers & others: "To see if the town will choose a committee to appear before the County Commissioners, & if necessary, petition them to discontinue the laying out of the road from Col Bowers' House to the river road (so called) & advocate the laying out of the road petitioned for by Zachus Reed from the end of the new road by said Bowers' house to the Canal bridge in Middlesex Village
- 3<sup>rd</sup> At the request of Bartlett W. Dexter & others, "To see if the town will vote to raise 500. dollars, to be assessed on the Inhabitants of School District No. 11 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of building a school-house in said district, & other necessary charges appertaining thereto.
- 4<sup>th</sup> At the request of Benjamin Blood - "To see if the town will set him off from School district No. 11, and annex him to District No. 8 —
- 5<sup>th</sup> At the request of the Committee for building the basement under the new Church "To see if the town will empower said Committee for some



Warrant Com<sup>th</sup>

other persons to cause the brick work thereof to be painted, or act thereon

- 6- To see if the town will choose a Committee to superintend the letting out & building the road recently laid out by the County Commissioners for Col. Brown & Middlesex Village —
- 7- To see what measures the town will take relative to a suit about being commenced for damages sustained by overturning the stage near the widow Oliver Chamberlain's house
- 8- To hear the report of any Committee which may have been appointed & act thereon
- 9 To choose a Committee to appraise the property at the Elms house the ensuing Spring —

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses & at the Tavern recently kept by John Gray, so that the same may stand two sabbaths previous to the time of said meeting —

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant to the town Clerk, at or before the time of holding said meeting —

Given under our hands & seals this twenty fourth day of May A.D. 1843 —

J. F. Webster } Selectmen  
Amos Carlton } of  
Dean Hold } Chelmsford

I have served this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public meeting houses and at the Tavern recently kept by John Gray in said town two sabbaths before the time of holding this meeting

Nathan B. Dabney } Constable

Recorded by J. F. Webster J. C. H. } of Chelmsford

98 Election Dist No 3. June 5/43

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

At a legal meeting of the Selectmen of the town  
Belmont, in the County of Middlesex & Commonwealth  
of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to  
elect the Representatives in the General Court, holden on  
the fifth day of June, being the first Monday  
of said month, in the year one thousand eight hundred  
forty three, for the purpose of giving in their  
votes for a representative of said Commonwealth in  
the Congress of the United States, for District number  
three —

The whole number of persons who  
gave in their votes was ascertained and directed in  
the revised Statutes, (Chap. 4. Sec. 13,) by counting  
the number of separate ballots given in, and the  
whole number of ballots was two hundred

And the whole number of votes given in were  
sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof  
made as by law is directed, & were for the following  
persons: —

Joseph W. Mann — One hundred & three votes  
Amos Abbott — Eighty eight votes  
George S. Bantell — five votes  
Nathaniel Thurston one vote  
John C. Whittier one vote  
Alpheus Spalding — two votes

E. F. Weston } Selectmen  
Amos Weston }  
Dean Holt } Charles Lord

Attest E. F. Weston Town Clerk



Pursuant to the warrant the Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford, qualified to vote in town affairs met at the town hall on Monday June 5<sup>th</sup> 1843 - when & where the following proceedings were had. to wit -

Those Alpheus Shalding Esq. Moderator

Voted To Choose a Committee to Confer with the County Commissioners relative to the road from Col. Joseph Bowers to Middlesex village -

Those Charles Blood, Willard Reed & Joseph Reed Esq. said Committee

Voted To choose a Committee to investigate the cause & if possible settle the difficulties in School District No. 1 & report at the next town meeting if necessary -

Voted That the Selectmen be said Committee -

Voted That the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> articles be referred to the next town meeting

Voted To dismiss the 5<sup>th</sup> article

Voted That the 6<sup>th</sup> article be referred to the Selectmen

Heard the Report of the Committee to build the Buriall upon the new Church

Voted To accept the report

Voted that the vote dismissing the 5<sup>th</sup> article be reconsidered

Voted To have the brick work of the Buriall & the new Church painted & also the Salls in the Hall

Voted That the Selectmen cause the said painting to be done immediately

Voted That the brick work be painted a Brick color & the joints drawn white -

Voted To choose a Committee of three persons to manage the suit now pending against the town

Those Gen. Benjamin Selams - Daniel Parker Esq. & Otis Selams said Committee

Voted That the Committee be instructed to employ Counsel & that they be authorized to refer the claim to suitable Arbitrators or defend the suit & in all cases to act as circumstances & the interest of the town may require -

Those are Ezra Hodgman, Dr. Paul Kitting, & Capt. Sherbird  
 Chalmers a Committee to appraise the property at  
 the School house

Voted To discontinue the Meeting —

Alpheus Spalding Mod.  
 Recorded by E. F. Webster Clerk —

Report of the Building Committee of the  
 Town Hall —

The committee appointed by the town Chelmsford to  
 build a basement under the new Church in the  
 centre of said town have attended to that duty  
 & beg leave to report —

That they contracted with Isaac Crooker  
 (Agent) to build said basement & find the materials  
 for the sum of twelve hundred dollars —

These Committee were obliged in the exercise  
 of their discretion to incur some extra expenses  
 such as two windows in the Hall, which in the opinion  
 of your Committee would not have had suffi-  
 -cient light without them, also painting the  
 interior of Hall, & School room entry, & closets in  
 the same also some small changes which appear  
 in the general account — Your Committee have  
 not caused the brickwork & <sup>in the Hall</sup> Dadoes to be painted  
 they expected to leave that for the action of the  
 town. They would however respectfully recommend  
 that the town cause the Brick work & Dadoes to be  
 painted, & especially the Brickwork, believing it  
 would preserve the walls from decay & the interior  
 from dampness which would be destructive to plastering  
 & paint —

The cost of the basement is as follows  
 Amount of Isaac Crookers contract \$1200. 00  
 Expenses of Iron Pillars 74. 52  
 Amount of Painters bill for Painting 14. 50  
 1289. 02



|                                                                             |             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Am't. Paid up                                                               | 1289.02     |
| Cash Paid J. Pitts for cleaning Iron Pillars                                | 1.00        |
| " " " for printing Bills                                                    | 1.25        |
| " " " for advertising in paper                                              | 2.00        |
| Am't. of expense for two Slices & funnel                                    | 35.10       |
| Nathan Padernus bill for Iron work                                          | 4.03        |
| Isaac Crooker, Lett's bill for extra work on<br>butments, doors &c          | 60.00       |
| Cash paid by Ephraim Loring for caring<br>trees in front of building ground | .88         |
| Ephraim Loring for services as Committee                                    | 10.00       |
| E. P. Parker for services as Committee                                      | 10.00       |
| James Pitts for services as Committee                                       | 10.00       |
| E. F. Webster bill for Lumber for Stoves                                    | 2.78        |
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|                                                                             | 5 14 20 1/2 |

In conclusion - Your Committee have finished their labors and when all the circumstances of the case are taken into view they sincerely hope that the town will be satisfied as they were endeavoring to lessen every expense that was possible without having the work shamed or slighted, & further your Committee are of opinion that the building has been completed agreeably to the contract that is so far as they are competent to judge -

Which is Respectfully Submitted

Chambersford June  
5 - 1843

James Pitts  
Ephraim Loring  
E. P. Parker  
Committee

# Albion Hall for 1843 -

Adams Charles  
 Adams Isaac  
 Adams Thos M.  
 Adams Joseph  
 Austin Samuel F.  
 Angier Aaron  
 Alexander Samuel  
 Arnold Benjamin  
 Blood Caleb  
 Blood Augustin  
 Budget Fride W.  
 Bowers Sewall  
 Bird Charles T.  
 Burrows Wm F.  
 Blaisdell Sumner  
 Blaisdell Joel  
 Butterfield Joseph  
 Butterfield Jonas C.  
 Ryan Rufus  
 Ryan Wm A.  
 Ryan Marcus S.  
 Ryan Eph W. L.  
 Ryan Stillman  
 Ryan Solomon E.  
 Baldwin Benjamin  
 Buttrick Nathan J.  
 Brarton Thomas  
 Brackett Cornelius  
 Brown John  
 Bosworth Henry E.  
 Britton David B.  
 Braet Barnabas  
 Birch Benjamin  
 Ballard Samuel F.  
 Carlton Amos  
 Calvert Wm W.  
 Chamberlain Joseph

Cowdry Isaac B.  
 Crocker Isaac  
 Cullen Amos W.  
 Cullen Joel  
 Currier Henry M.  
 Cody James  
 Clark Carlos C.  
 Crosby Geo. P.  
 Cochran Wm R.  
 Carver Thomas  
 Converse Joshua  
 Davis James R.  
 Davis John  
 Dutton Stephen  
 Dutton Eldridge  
 Dutton Amos W.  
 Dutton Hildreth P.  
 Dunn John  
 Dunn Center  
 Durant Thomas  
 Doremus Nathan P.  
 Dwinells Caleb  
 Drake Nathaniel  
 Drake Preston  
 Davidson John  
 Dexter Bartlett W.  
 Emerson John B.  
 Farwell Thos. T.  
 Farwell Wm T.  
 Farr Levi  
 Fletcher Josiah R.  
 Fletcher John T.  
 Fletcher Benjamin J.  
 Fletcher Wm 3<sup>d</sup>  
 Flanders Wm S.  
 Fisher Moses B.  
 Fish John B.



Furber Andrew  
 Furber George  
 Fifield John  
 Gould Charles  
 Gilman William  
 Gray Dexter  
 Guild Nathan  
 Howard Lephaniah  
 Griffin Alvah J.  
 Harwood Rufus  
 Harwood Solomon  
 Harwood Otis A.  
 Lills Franklin M.  
 Hill Calvin  
 Hennes Charles B.  
 Howard Calvin  
 Hunter Gilman  
 Hamblett William  
 Hall Samson  
 Hodge Charles  
 Hubbard Eli  
 Haise Frederick  
 Johnson Horace  
 Jagschun Edwin  
 Larnum Jonathan  
 Larche John  
 Leach Richard  
 Lindsay Nathaniel  
 Lindsay Benjamin  
 Libbey James  
 Mansfield Sarah  
 Mansfield Jeremiah C.  
 Mansfield Leonard L.  
 Mansfield Earl  
 Marshall Joseph  
 Marshall Benj. D.  
 Marshall George  
 Marshall Ezekiel

Meriam Josiah C.  
 Martin Adams  
 McLaughlin Warren  
 McIntire Warren  
 McIntire Solomon  
 McKee William  
 Maltz Lutus  
 Nesmith Jacob A.  
 Olean Thos W.  
 Osgood John  
 Parker Artemas Jr.  
 Parker Charles  
 Parker Francis B.  
 Parker Henry  
 Parkhurst Sewall  
 Parkhurst Medical  
 Parkhurst Saml S.  
 Parkhurst John 2<sup>d</sup>  
 Parkhurst Benj. E.  
 Perham Saml O.  
 Pierce Joseph B.  
 Pollard Susan  
 Page Victor M.  
 Page Albert  
 Page Geo. H.  
 Proctor Henry B.  
 Proctor Lemas R. Jr.  
 Proctor Rufus  
 Proctor Charles  
 Proctor Alfred  
 Prestigs Amos E.  
 Poor Daniel  
 Poor Thomas  
 Poor Isaac  
 Perkins Lepe S.  
 Pike James  
 Pratt Joshua  
 Pratt Oliver B.

Ball Samuel  
 Richardson Stephen  
 Richardson Sarah  
 Robinson Anne  
 Robt. Brewster  
 Robt. Richd  
 Rodd Geo W.  
 Robinson & Clouso  
 Reed John P.  
 Reed Joseph  
 Smith Joseph W.  
 Spalding Benj. F.  
 Spalding Isaac B.  
 Spalding Ellbridge G.  
 Spalding & Augustus E.  
 Stearns Stephen  
 Stevens Joseph  
 Swift Charles  
 Swift William  
 Shaw Elisha  
 Southland Lewis  
 Sweetser Charles  
 Toothaker Charles E.  
 Tyler Nathan  
 Tyler William  
 Tyler Samuel  
 Torrey Joseph P.  
 Towner Lewis  
 Turner John  
 Thomas Henry B.  
 Thornton Geo W.  
 Upham Ezra A.  
 Upham Clement  
 Walker Benja  
 Warner Benja  
 Warden Allen  
 Weston John H.  
 Wood Isaac

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# Warrant

Middlesex } Justice of the Peace, of the Town of  
Chelmsford

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
you are hereby required to notify & warn the  
Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford, qualified  
to vote in Elections to meet at the Town Hall in said  
Town on Monday the 13 day of November next, at  
nine O'Clock A.M. being the second Monday  
of said month for the following purposes to wit:  
to bring in their votes for a Governor & Lieutenant  
Governor of this Commonwealth, and for six  
Senators for the District of Middlesex all on  
one ballot -

To bring in their votes for a Representation in  
the Congress of the United States for District  
No. 3 -

To choose a Representation to represent them in the  
General Court to be held in Boston on the  
first Wednesday of January next -

The Polls will be opened at 10 O'Clock A.M.

And you are likewise required to notify the  
inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in  
town affairs to meet at the same place at one  
O'Clock P.M. on the same day to act on the  
following articles viz: -

- 1 To Choose a Moderator
- 2 To take into consideration the order & motion  
of the County Commissioners on the petition of  
Benjamin Parker & others & act thereon
- 3 To hear the report of any Committee that may  
have been appointed & act thereon
- 4 To act on the several subjects contained in the  
3<sup>d</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> articles in the warrant for the town  
meeting held on the fifth day of June last  
said articles having been referred to the  
next Town meeting -

Annual Election Nov. 13-1843

Warrant Court

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up true & attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses & at the Tavern of Noah Robinson, all in said Town so that the same may stand two Sabbaths previous to the time of holding said meeting

Hereof fail not, & make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at or before the time of said meeting

Given under our hands & seals this thirty first day of October - A.D. 1843

E. F. Webster )

Amos Carlton }  
Dean Holt } Chelmsford

Widdowes } Chelmsford Nov. 4-1843

I have served this within warrant by posting up true & attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses & at the Tavern of Noah Robinson all in said town so that the same may stand two Sabbaths previous to the time of holding said meeting

Nathan P. Dadsman

Constable & Chelmsford



(300)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town  
 of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and  
 Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitu-  
 tion to vote for Governor & Lieutenant Governor, held  
 on the thirtieth day of November, being the second  
 Monday of said month, in the year of our Lord one  
 thousand eight hundred & forty three for the purpose of  
 giving in their votes for Governor & Lieut. Governor  
 of said Commonwealth - The whole number of persons  
 who gave in their votes was ascertained, as is directed in  
 the Revised Statutes (Chap 4. Sec 13,) by counting the  
 whole number of separate ballots given in & the  
 whole number of ballots was three hundred  
 and thirty five

And the whole number of votes given in for Governor  
 were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof  
 made as by the Constitution is directed - and were  
 for the following persons, -:-

Marcus Morton one hundred ninety four  
 George N. Briggs one hundred thirty eight  
 Samuel E. Sewall three

194  
 138  
 3  
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E. F. Webster } Selectmen  
 Amos Carlton }  
 Dean Holt } Chelmsford

Attest

E. F. Webster Town Clerk

For Governor

Election Nov. 13 - 1843

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town  
of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified by the Constitu-  
tion to vote for Governor & Lieut Governor, held on  
the thirteenth day of November, being the second  
monday of said month in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred & forty ~~three~~ for  
the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor  
& Lieutenant Governor of said Commonwealth - The  
whole number of persons who gave in their votes  
was ascertained, as is directed in the Revised  
Statutes (Chapt 4. Sec 13) by counting the whole  
number of separate ballots given in, and the  
whole number was three hundred thirty five

And the whole number of votes given in for  
Lieutenant Governor, were sorted, counted, recorded  
& declaration thereof made as by the Constitution  
is directed - and were for the following persons

For Lieut Governor

Henry H. Childs one hundred ninety three  
John B. Reed one hundred thirty nine  
William Jackson three

E. F. Webster } Selectmen  
Amos Carlton } of  
Dean Holt } Chelmsford

Attest E. F. Webster Town Clerk



## (Senators)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town  
of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the  
Constitution to vote for senators, holden on the  
thirteenth day of November, being the second Monday  
of said month, in the year of our Lord, one thousand  
eight hundred & forty three, for the purpose of giving  
in their votes for Senators, for the District of Middlesex

The whole number of persons who gave in their  
votes was ascertained, as is directed in the Revised  
Statutes, (Chap. 4. Sec. 13) by counting the number  
of separate ballots given in, and the whole  
number of ballots was three hundred &  
thirty three

And the whole number of votes, were sorted,  
counted, recorded, & declaration thereof made  
as by the Constitution is directed - and were for  
the following persons: -

Josiah G. Abbott one hundred & ninety,

F. R. Gougeon one hundred ninety three

Thomas L. Greenwood one hundred ninety three

James Russell one hundred & ninety three

Luke Wellington one hundred ninety three

Joseph Fuller one hundred ninety three

Stephen Hayward one hundred thirty eight

Isaiah L. Law one hundred thirty eight

Henry Wilson one hundred thirty eight

Charles Choate one hundred thirty eight

Isaac Livermore one hundred thirty eight

Royal Santhwick one hundred thirty

Leah Ames six

Charles Foster two

David Goodale two

John Hatcher two

Hiram Parker two

James Merrill two

James Kimball two

E. F. Webster } Selectman  
Amos Burdett }  
Dean Holt } Chelmsford

Attest E. F. Webster

Town Clerk

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Congress — Dist No 3 —  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts —  
At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of  
Shelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Common-  
wealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution  
to vote for Representatives in the General Court, holden  
on the thirteenth day of November, being the second  
Monday of said Month, in the year one thousand  
eight hundred & forty three for the purpose of  
giving in their votes for a Representative of said  
Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States,  
for District Number Three

The whole number of persons who gave in their votes  
was ascertained as is directed in the Revised Statutes  
Chap. H- Sec 13/ by counting the number of separate  
ballots given in, and the whole number of ballots  
was three hundred & twenty six

And the whole number of votes given in were  
sorted, counted, recorded & declaration thereof made  
as by law is directed — and were for the following  
persons: —

Joseph W. Mann — one hundred eighty three  
Amos Abbott — one hundred thirty six  
George S. Bantell. five  
John C. Whittier two

E. F. Webster } Selectmen  
Amos Carlton } of  
Dean Holt } Shelmsford

Attest E. F. Webster Town Clerk



## Town Representation

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford qualified to vote in Elections, held on this 13. day of Nov. 1843 for the purpose of Choosing a suitable person to represent them in the General Court to be holden in Boston on the first Wednesday of January 1844. The whole number of ballots was Three hundred & twenty four 324

Paul Pittsidge had one hundred & twenty four

I was chosen

Joseph Warner jr had one hundred & forty  
Abbridge G. Reed three

Stephen Stevens one

Capt Asa Hodgman one

E. F. Webster } Selectmen  
Amos Easton }  
Dean Hall } Chelmsford

Attest E. F. Webster Town Clerk

72 Town Meeting Nov. 13 - 1843

A meeting of the Town of Andover was called  
and held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of Nov-

1843 The following votes were passed and  
proceedings had to wit: -

Chose Deac. Otis Adams Moderator

Voted to pass over the 2<sup>d</sup> article for the present

and to take up the 3<sup>d</sup> article

Heard the Report of the Committee relation to  
the difficulties in School district No. 11,

Voted To accept the report

Voted that the Committee be continued in their  
office untill the next March Meeting -

Voted to take up the 2<sup>d</sup> article

Voted To choose a Committee of three persons to  
appear the road petitioned for by Benjamin  
Parker & others

Chose Genl. Benj<sup>n</sup> Adams. Col. Joseph Bowers

& Capt Otis Adams said Committee

Voted that the fourth article in the warrant for  
this meeting be referred to the next month  
meeting

Voted To dissolve the meeting

Otis Adams Moderator

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk



# Report of the Committee on School district No. 11—

The committee appointed at the last Town meeting "to investigate the cause & if possible settle the difficulties in school district no. 11— & report at the next town meeting if necessary" Report as follows:— That previous notice having been given of the time appointed they met at the School House in said district on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> instant & endeavored to ascertain from those present what the difficulties & differences now were & what would satisfy those who complained— They did not feel called upon to examine into all the minutiae in the history of the building of that house as such a course could serve no other useful purpose than to fill a long report about matters & things which the town generally are already fully apprised: and would moreover have a manifest tendency to alienate rather than reconcile the feelings of the inhabitants of the district & thereby retard if not prevent the adjustment of the difficulties & disagreements now existing— All the facts that were disclosed to your Committee which they considered worthy of note are simply these:— The house, it appeared was not built by a tax on the district, but by subscriptions appended to certain articles of agreement specifying the different purposes for which the house should be used— to wit. For "meetings, for lectures, discussions & for public instruction!" And stipulating also that the house and land should be the property of the Proprietors of the North Chelmsford Meeting House held in trust by them for the above specified uses— and further stipulating that the School district No. 11, should have the privilege of using the house for the purpose of keeping the public district schools therein, & should have the control of the house necessary for that purpose during school hours & no more— A part of the inhabitants of the district, it appears, are not satisfied with

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having a school house under these restrictions - They  
want a house which they can control for all  
school, <sup>& literary</sup> purposes, private as well as public, so that  
if they desire to set up a private school, or subscrip-  
-tion school, when the public school is not keeping,  
they can have a house for that purpose without  
surrendering the privilege from another Corporation  
They say, that they are willing however to accept  
the house now built, provided the Proprietors of  
the Meeting House will guarantee that the district  
shall have the control of the house for all school  
purposes whatever at all times - They are willing  
the Proprietors should use it for all the purposes  
they may want it for & have the whole control  
of the house at all times when the district does  
not want it for schools - As there were  
none of the Proprietors present & the Committee  
had not time to see only one of them, they are  
not prepared to say whether such a guaranty as  
is asked for can be obtained or not. But from  
the conversation had with that one, they should  
infer that there would be no difficulty in  
obtaining it - They feel the more confident  
that this will be the result, if a little time is  
allowed to execute the proper instrument, as what  
is asked appears to them to be so strictly just  
& reasonable that they can not ~~think~~  
that it can be refused - Having these views  
of the matter, your Committee beg leave to re-  
-commend that the whole subject & all matters  
connected therewith, be laid over to the next  
Month meeting, confidently believing that before  
that time all difficulties will be amicably adjusted  
& the town will be relieved from any further action  
thereon

Respectfully Submitted by

E. F. Webster }  
Amos Carlton } Committee  
Dean Holt }

Nov. 13-1843





Chilmark & Westford

It is remembered that on this 23<sup>d</sup> day of Nov. 1843, the Subscribers selectmen of Chilmark & Westford met in appointment of the selectmen of Chilmark being the most ancient town & proceeded to run the lines & renew the bounds between the said towns, as is provided in the Revised Statutes Chap<sup>t</sup> 15 and the bounds between said towns by us renewed are as follows to wit:—

- 1 A Stone marked W. T. C. in Tye's meadow
- 2 A Stone marked C. W. at the northwest corner of a well on land of Robert B. Chamberlain
- 3 A heap of stones on a ledge of rocks in the woods about 5 rods north of a small pond hole
- 4 A Stone marked C. W. east of the house of Andrew Fletcher near land of John & Samuel Howard
- 5 A Stone marked C. W. near the house of George Harlow
- 6 A Stone marked C. W. near the same formerly owned the Jonas Harlow & now owned by the said Harlow
- 7 A Stone marked C. W. east of Levi T. Fletcher near the wall
- 8 A Stone marked C. W. about 40 rods south of the house of the late Stephen A. Keyes
- 9 A Stone marked C. W. on Jacob Osgood's land by the road leading from Chilmark to Westford
- 10 A Stone marked C. W. east of Elial Her woods house
- 11 A Stone marked C. W. opposite the house of Thos. M. Adams
- 12 A Stone marked C. W. on meadow of Wood's field
- 13 A Stone marked C. W. on land of Asaph Mansfield & nearly west of his house
- 14 A Stone marked C. W. on the west side of pond plain
- 15 A Stone marked C. W. east of the house of Thos. Hutchins
- 16 A Stone marked W. C. C. at Carlisle line east of Josiah Bayantoni's house

E. F. Webster } Selectmen of  
Amos Carlton } Chilmark & Westford

Thaddeus Blodgett } Selectmen of  
Eliakim Hutchins } Westford

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk



Frankford & Grace

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Dear Holt } Selectman of Chelmsford

Be it remembered, that on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November 1843  
re. the Selectmen Selectmen of the Towns of Chelmsford &  
Carleton having met for the adjournment of the Selectmen of  
Chelmsford being the most ancient town, proceeded to renew  
the lines & renew the bounds between the said Towns pursuant  
to a law of this Commonwealth passed March 23--1786,  
and the bounds between said Towns by is renewed are  
as follows to wit:

- 1- A Stone marked W.C.C. in a field of Oliver Hitchin, making  
the Southwest corner of Chelmsford & the Northwest corner of Carleton
- 2- A Stone marked C.C. near an old wall running north & south in  
the woodland of Daniel Proctor
- 3- A Stone marked C.C. on land of the widow Pelsue, west  
Jacob Blaisdell's house
- 4- A Stone marked C.C. on the west side of the road south of  
the said Blaisdell's house
- 5- A Stone marked C.C. about 20 rods east of the <sup>said</sup> road
- 6- A Stone marked C.C. on woodland of the widow Proctor about  
20 rods east of the Brook
- 7- A Stone marked C.C. on Daniel Proctor's field about one rod  
west of a wall running north & south
- 8- A Stone marked C.C. on the pasture of Zachus Wright about 20 rods  
west of the road leading from Rhoda Grosley's to the Vore plain (so called)
- 9- A Stone marked C.C. about 2 rods east of the road
- 10- A Stone marked C.C. east of the road from John & Parker's to Parker's
- 11- A Stone marked C.C. about 40 rods north of Benj<sup>n</sup> Baldwin's house
- 12- A Stone marked C.C. in woodland of John Adams east of  
John Adams' house
- 13- A Stone marked B.C.C. in the Davis meadows at Billerica

Calvin Field, Selectman of  
Carleton & Carleton

E. F. Webster for the  
Selectmen of  
Chelmsford

Witness my hand & Seal this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November 1843





Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 was a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the  
 town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex &  
 Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified in the Constitu-  
 tion to vote for Representatives in the General Court,  
 held on the first day of January, being the first  
 Monday of said month, in the year one thousand  
 eight hundred & eighty four, for the purpose of giving  
 in their votes for a Representative of said Commonwealth  
 in the Congress of the United States, for District No. 3

The whole number of persons who gave in their  
 votes was ascertained as is directed in the Revised Stat-  
 utes, Chap. 4. Sec. 13, by counting the number of  
 separate ballots given in, and the whole number  
 of ballots was one hundred and eighty four

And the whole number of votes given in, were  
 sorted, counted, recorded & declaration thereof made  
 as by law is directed - and were for the following  
 persons:-

|                            |                   |     |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-----|
| Joseph W. Mansur of Lowell | one hundred & one | 101 |
| Simon Abbott of Andover    | seventy four      | 74  |
| Geo. S. Bantell of Grafton | five              | 5   |
| Thos. Hopkinson of Lowell  | three             | 3   |
| John G. Miller of Amesbury | one               | 1   |

E. F. Webster } Selectmen  
 James Warburton } of  
 Dean Holt } Chelmsford

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk  
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Middlebury To either of the Constables of the town  
of Chelmsford

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S.)

Whereas the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
you are hereby required to notify & have the In-  
habitants of said town, qualified to vote in elections,  
& meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday  
the twentieth day of January instant at 12  
O'clock & noon - To bring in their votes for  
representation, that is an Enslaved and Congressional  
District Number Three, & represent them in the Con-  
gress of the United States for the term of ~~two~~  
years from the fourth day of March A.D. 1843.  
The Polls to be opened at 1 O'clock P.M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by  
posting up copies thereof in an attested at  
each of the public meeting houses & at the  
Dwelling of Nath Robinson in said town, so that  
the same may stand two Sabbath previous to  
the time of holding said meeting -  
And if fail not, & make due return of this warrant, with  
your doings thereon to ourselves at, or before the time  
of said meeting -

Given under our hands & seals, this twentieth day  
of January A.D. 1844

E. F. Webster } Selectmen of  
Amos Carlton } Chelmsford

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested  
copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses,  
& at the Dwelling of Nath Robinson in said  
town, so that the same may stand two Sabbath  
previous to holding said meeting - this 20th  
day of January A.D. 1844

William Robinson, Constable  
of Chelmsford

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of  
 Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth  
 of Massachusetts, qualified to vote for Representatives in  
 the General Court, holden on the twenty ninth day of  
 January being the fifth Monday of said month, in  
 the year one thousand eight hundred & forty four, for  
 the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative  
 of said Commonwealth, in the Congress of the United  
 States for District Number Three is

The whole number of persons who gave in their  
 votes was ascertained as is directed in the Revised  
 Statutes Chap. 13, Sec. 3, by counting the number  
 of separate ballots given in, & the whole number of  
 ballots was two hundred & forty seven

And the whole number of votes given in, were  
 sorted, counted, recorded, & declaration thereof made  
 as by Law is directed - and were for the following  
 persons: -

Rayton P. Asgood of Andover had one hundred  
 and forty six votes  
 Amos Abbott of Andover had ninety nine votes  
 Thomas H. Perkins of Lowell had two votes

E. F. Webster } Selectmen  
 Amos Carlton } of  
 Orion Holt } Chelmsford

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk



## Warrant

Middlesex ss } To either of the Constables of the Town of  
Chelmsford Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
you are hereby required to notify & warn the inhabitants  
of the Town of Chelmsford, qualified to vote in town affairs  
& in Elections to assemble at the Town Hall in said Town  
on Monday the fourth day of March next being the first  
Monday of said Month at 9 o'clock before noon to  
act on the following articles to wit:—

- 1 To Choose a Moderator
- 2 To Choose all necessary town officers for the year  
commencing
- 3 To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer for the  
County of Middlesex
- 4 To hear the Reports of the Committee to settle with the  
Treasurer of the Overseers of the Poor & any other Committees  
which may have been chosen, & act thereon
- 5 To raise & appropriate such sums of money as may be  
necessary to defray the Town Charges the ensuing year  
including Schools & the Support of the Poor
- 6 To determine the manner of repairing the highways Town-  
ways & Bridges, the year ensuing
- 7 To act on the several subjects contained in the 3<sup>d</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
articles of the warrant for the town meeting held on the first  
day of June last, & also the 4<sup>th</sup> article in the warrant  
for the Town Meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November  
last—said articles having been referred to the  
next March Meeting
- 8 At the request of Samuel F. Wood & others—To see  
if the Town will furnish a Hearse for the North Bury-  
ing Ground, & act thereon
- 9 At the request of the Committee appointed at a meeting  
of the Citizens of said Town on the 12<sup>th</sup> of Jan. inst.  
To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen or  
a Committee chosen for that purpose to prosecute  
all violations of the License Law in said Town
- 10 At the request of the Town Treasurer—To see if the  
Town will order a part of the Taxes to be paid into

2.  
the Treasury on or before the first day of August

and was accordingly served this warrant by  
posting up true & attested copies thereof at each  
of the public meeting houses & at the Tavern of  
Noah Robinson all in said town so that the  
same may stand two Sabbaths prior to the time  
of said meeting.

Given in full and made in return of the  
warrant with & am doing thereon to the town Clerk  
on or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands & seals this nineteenth  
day of February A.D. 1844

E. F. Webster } Selectmen  
Amos Carlton } of  
Dean Hart } Chelmsford

Chelmsford Feb 23 844

I have served the within warrant by posting  
up attested copies of the same at each of the public  
meeting houses & at the Tavern of Noah Robinson  
all in said town so that the same may stand two  
Sabbaths prior to the time of said meeting.

William R. Corkman, Constable  
of Chelmsford

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk



At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex, being the Annual Meeting for the choice of Town Officers holden on the fourth day of March A.D. 1844. The qualified voters of said Town gave in their votes for a County Treasurer, which being <sup>justly</sup> counted in open town by the Moderator thereof & Town Clerk, was for the following persons - viz: -

In Stedman Buttrick Esq two hundred and nineteen votes 219

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk

## Annual Town Meeting March 4 - 1844 -

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford qualified to vote in town affairs & in Elections, legally warned & holden on Monday the fourth day of March A.D. 1844, at the Town Hall in said Town, the following votes were passed & proceedings had to wit: -

Those Maj Joseph Manning Moderator

Resolved that the Polls be opened for the choice of all such officers as the law requires the Check list to be used in balloting for, at the same time

Resolved To choose three Selectmen all on one ballot

Resolved That the Clerk be voted for on a separate ballot & put into a separate box

Resolved To take up the 3<sup>d</sup> Article

Those E. F. Webster Town Clerk, who was sworn by the Moderator in open meeting - The votes for Clerk were

as follows - Whole no. of ballots 249. necessary for a choice 125 - E. F. Webster had 130 - Eleazer Cowdry 16 S. S. Parkhurst 1 - & W<sup>m</sup> Fletcher 3<sup>d</sup> 1

The Polls were then closed for Selectmen & the votes apportioned & counted & were as follows - Whole no. of ballots 255

Necessary to a choice 128

Charles Wood had 128 & was chosen

Elijah Richardson jr had 124 } Otis Adams 122 }

David Perkins " 124 } W<sup>m</sup> F. Burrows 127 }

Scattering 3 Parker Sutton 126 }

the 2<sup>d</sup> Ballot. the whole no. of votes were 255

Rev. B. F. Clark had 131 }  
David Perkins " 129 } and were Chosen  
Wm F. Burrows 125 - Parker Dutton 125 - Scattering 1 -

Voted To adjourn for 30 minutes

Met according to adjournment

Chose Wm Joseph Manning Treasurer (unanimously)

Voted to Choose a School Committee of three persons

1<sup>st</sup> Ballot? whole no. of votes for School Committee were 169,  
unifying to a Choir 85.

Rev. B. F. Clark had " 124 }

" John Parkhurst " 124 } and were Chosen

Samuel Parker Esq " 74. Otis Adams 45

Henry Adams Jeremiah Spalding & Willard Reed 15 each

Rev. S. Forbes 7. Ch Blood 5 & Scattering 5

2<sup>d</sup> Ballot? whole no. of votes 204 unifying to a Choir 103

Otis Adams had 100 - Samuel Parker 77 - Scattering 27

3<sup>d</sup> Ballot? whole no. of votes 215 unifying to a Choir 108

Otis Adams had 138 & was Chosen -

Samuel Parker Esq had 48. Rev. S. Forbes 10. Wm S. Flanders 9

and 10 Scattering

Voted to Choose two Constables on one Ballot

Chose N. P. Dudson & Wm R. Cochran Constables

Whole no. of votes 184. unifying to a Choir 93

Wm R. Cochran had 117. Nathan P. Dudson 116

Willard Reed 15. Joseph Adams 43.

Rev. B. F. Clark 17. Rev. John Parkhurst 9 - & 16 Scattering

Voted Not to Choose a Board of Overseers of the Poor separate  
from the Selectmen

Heard The Report of the Overseers of the Poor

Voted To accept the Report

Voted That the Selectmen be instructed to cause the whole  
expenses of the town including the pauper account, to be  
printed in items specifying every article in each bill.

Heard The Report of the Committee appointed to appraise the  
property at the Almshouse

Voted To accept the report

Heard The Report of the Committee to settle with the Treasurer



Voted To accept the Report

Voted To Choose 3 Field Drivers

Chose John M. Sanborn, William D. Byam & Rufus Proctor

Voted To add one Field Driver to each School District

Chose in Dist. No 1 Joseph Reed No 2 Charity L. Sanborn

No. 3. W<sup>m</sup> A. Byam - No. 4. Daniel Parker - No 5. Rufus Byam - No. 6, Benj<sup>n</sup> Livingston - No. 7, Josiah Richardson No. 8, Allen Warder - No. 9. Samuel P. Hadley No. 10. Leonard C. Sanborn - No. 11. W<sup>m</sup> R. Cochran

Voted To choose 5 Fence viewers

Chose St Paul Kittredge, Josiah Byam, Elijah Richardson, Parker Sutton & W<sup>m</sup> Tyler

Voted To choose Highway Surveyors

Chose Henry B. Proctor, Owen Emerson, Joshua Hunt W<sup>m</sup> Tyler - David Carlton - John Farnar Ira Hadgman 2<sup>d</sup> - Ephrus Spalding Esq - Harrison Hall - W<sup>m</sup> F. Burrows & Maj Joseph Manning

Chose Thos W. O'Brien, Dawson Pollard - Samuel P. Hadley W<sup>m</sup> Swett - Charles Blood - Henry Byam - Eli P. Parker Isaac Crocker - Sprake Livingston - Jonathan Larcom - Ephrus Bowers - Joseph Adams & Micajah Bowers - Surveyors of Lunenburg

Chose Eben Adams - Eli P. Parker - Henry M. Currier Ephrus Bowers - Samuel S. Parkhurst - Samuel P. Hadley - W<sup>m</sup> Swett - Benj<sup>n</sup> Fletcher - James Whittenmon - Stephen Mauleon - Vakum M. Drake & Joseph Adams, Measurers of Wood

Chose Joseph W. Smith - Joseph Reed - Joseph E. Heywood Augustus E. Spalding & Rufus Proctor - Weighers of Hay

Voted Not to choose Inspectors of Linn

Voted To raise 400. dollars for the Support of the Poor

Voted To raise fifteen hundred dollars for Schools \$1500.00

Voted That ~~three~~ hundred dollars of the School money be divided among the Small districts at the discretion of the Selectmen

Voted To adjourn the meeting to the second Monday in April next at 12 O'clock at noon

Recorded by E. F. Wilster Clerk Joseph Manning Mod. 2

List of the several officers whom March 4  
of whom an oath is required in the town  
town

1. Selectmen

|                           |                   |                       |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Charles Blood             | Selectmen         | March 8               |
| Richard Richardson        | and               | March 4               |
| David B. Blood            | Deputies          | " 4                   |
| Wm. D. Adams              | Constable         | " 4                   |
| Wm. R. Cochran            |                   | " 4                   |
| Jenny B. Proctor          | Highway Surveyors | " 5                   |
| Quinn Emerson             |                   | " 5                   |
| Joshua Hunt               |                   | " 8                   |
| Wm. T. Hunt               |                   | " 6                   |
| David Carlton             |                   | " 4                   |
| John Farrar               | Fence Viewers     | " 6                   |
| Asa Hodgman <sup>2d</sup> |                   | " 6                   |
| Alpheus Spalding          |                   | " 6                   |
| Samuel Hall               |                   | " 7 by B. Adams Esq.  |
| Wm. F. Burrows            |                   | " 6                   |
| Wm. Joseph Manning        | Fence Viewers     | " 4                   |
| St. Paul Kittredge        |                   | " 4                   |
| Josiah Byam               |                   | " 8                   |
| Elijah Richardson         |                   | " 8                   |
| Parker Sutton             |                   | " 6                   |
| Wm. Tyler                 | Field Drivers     | " 12 by B. Adams Esq. |
| John M. Sanborn           |                   | " 12 by B. Adams Esq. |
| Marcus D. Byam            |                   | " 12 by B. Adams Esq. |
| Rufus Proctor             |                   | " 12 by B. Adams Esq. |
| Joseph Reed               |                   | " 12 by B. Adams Esq. |
| Charity L. Durr           | Field Drivers     | " 12 by B. Adams Esq. |
| Wm. A. Byam               |                   | " 12 by B. Adams Esq. |
| Samuel Parker             |                   | " 12 by B. Adams Esq. |
| Rufus Byam                |                   | " 12 by B. Adams Esq. |
| Benj. Livingston          |                   | " 12 by B. Adams Esq. |
| Josiah Richardson         | Field Drivers     | " 12 by B. Adams Esq. |
| Allen Warden              |                   | " 12 by B. Adams Esq. |
| Samuel P. Hadley          |                   | " 12 by B. Adams Esq. |
| Leonard C. Sanborn        |                   | " 12 by B. Adams Esq. |
| Wm. R. Cochran            |                   | " 12 by B. Adams Esq. |



Wm. M. O'bear  
Lawson Pollard  
Saml. P. Hadley  
Wm. Smith

Fire-keepers of Chorn

Sworn March 6

Charles Blood  
Henry Bryan  
Eli P. Parker

April 4.

Isaac Crooker  
Sprake Livingston  
Tant. Larcom

Charles Proctor was appointed by the Selectmen July 3 - 1845 & sworn

Alpheus Bowers  
Joseph Adams

25  
12

Wicajah Bowers  
Eben Adams  
Eli P. Parker

Measures of wood &c.

April 4

Henry M. Currier  
Alpheus Bowers  
Saml. P. Hadley  
Saml. S. Parkhurst  
Wm. Smith

9  
6  
6  
9

Benjn. Fletcher  
James Whittemore  
Stephen Moulton  
Nahum M. Drake  
Joseph Adams

Sworn March 7 by Biddings

25

Joseph W. Smith  
Joseph Reed  
Joseph E. Heywood  
Augustus E. Spalding  
Rufus Proctor

Measures of Hay

Rufus Bryan, Collector

Sworn Jan 7 - 1845

# Treasurer 1844

At a meeting of the Town Council at the last Annual meeting  
to make the annual settlement with the Town Treasurer, here  
presented a statement & Report as follows viz:-  
The Treasurer charges himself with balance in his hands

|                                                               |         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| of the last annual settlement                                 | 266.75  |
| Balance of 1843                                               | 387.38  |
| of William Reed collector for 1843                            | 3575.60 |
| of State Treasurer for School fund for 1843-                  | 56.97   |
| " " " " for State paupers for 1842                            | 18.37   |
| of Geo. P. Meader Field Drm for proceeds<br>of sale of Horse. | 34.27   |

|                                                                   |            |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| of E. F. Weston by order of the Selectmen<br>for use of town Hall | 4.30       |
| Amounting to                                                      | \$ 4344.04 |

|                                                       |            |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| And is credited by cash paid<br>on sundry town orders | \$ 3401.30 |
| Cash on hand at Settlement                            | 942.74     |
|                                                       | \$ 4344.04 |

All which is respectfully Submitted  
March 2-1844

|                                                              |             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| By Otis Adams<br>Daniel Parker<br>Ara Hodgman 2 <sup>d</sup> | } Committee |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|

Joseph Manning Treasurer

The Committee would also report that they have made  
an investigation of the financial concerns of the Town  
and as much as they can ascertain the debts against  
the town are as follows viz:-

|                                                  |            |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Amount of orders on Interest                     | \$ 3874.15 |
| Probable interest on the same now due            | 209.25     |
| Orders not on interest                           | 8.75       |
| Probable Bills against the town remaining unpaid | 3115.50    |
|                                                  | 4207.15    |

|                                                         |            |
|---------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| There is in the hands of the Town Treasurer<br>for 1843 | 942.74     |
| in the hands of William Reed collector                  | 373.85     |
| Amounting to                                            | \$ 1316.59 |

which deducted from the liabilities of the town leaves  
a balance against the town of \$2896.56

|                                                                                        |             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Respectfully Submitted by<br>Otis Adams<br>Daniel Parker<br>Ara Hodgman 2 <sup>d</sup> | } Committee |
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# Report of the Overseers of the Poor

1844

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Report of the Overseers of the Poor on the expenses of supporting the Poor in the town of Wheelersford for the year ending July 28 1844

|                                                           |               |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Paid for Provisions, Clothing, Farming tools, &c          | 252.36        |
| " for four cows                                           | 70.00         |
| " " Horse                                                 | 76.00         |
| " " Pump                                                  | 44.00         |
| " " Sowing                                                | 15.00         |
| " " Repairs on buildings                                  | 6.67          |
| " Dr. H. Bartlett for professional services               | 20.00         |
| " Dr. F. M. Kittsidge " "                                 | 4.74          |
| " Superintendent for labour due for his services in 1841  | 27.87         |
| " " for his services up to April 1 <sup>st</sup> 1844     | 290.00        |
| " " Ounces for their services                             | 17.00         |
| " Sundries, small bills                                   | 8.12          |
| Due the State Lunatic Hospital for James Spalding's board | 34.00         |
|                                                           | <u>752.76</u> |

|                                                |                  |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Received for Produce sold                      | 201.07           |
| " Cash on hand at the close of last year       | 68.85            |
| " for two cows sold                            | 25.00            |
| " " Horse sold                                 | 20.00            |
| " " Open "                                     | 12.47            |
| " of State for support of State pauper in 1842 | 18.37            |
| Cash now on hand                               | <u>27.07</u>     |
|                                                | <u>\$ 822.83</u> |

Leaving a balance against the town of \$ 6.93

|                                            |    |
|--------------------------------------------|----|
| The No. of Paupers now at the Almshouse is | 11 |
| greatest no. at any one time               | 14 |
| Average No. through the year               | 12 |
| No deaths since last year                  |    |
| Report fully submitted to                  |    |

July 28  
1844

E. F. Webster }  
Amos Carlton } Overseers of the  
Dean Hall } Poor

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk

Warrant to the Commissioners April 1 1844

Middlesex 113 To either of the Constables of the Town  
of Chelmsford - Greeting

S. S. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you  
S. S. are hereby directed to notify & warn the Inhabitants of  
S. S. said Town, qualified to vote in elections to meet at the  
Town Hall in said town on Monday the first day of  
April next / being the first Monday of said month /  
at one o'clock P.M. to bring in their votes for  
County Commissioners for the County of Middle-  
sex on one ballot and also for two Special Commis-  
sioners for said County -

And you are also directed to notify the Inhab-  
itants of said Town qualified to vote in Town affairs  
to meet at the same time & place, to act on the  
following articles to wit: -

- 1 - To choose a Moderator
- 2 - To hear the report of a Committee which may  
have been appointed & act thereon -
- 3 - At the request of Joseph Manning - To see if  
the town will make any alteration in highway  
District No. 60, or act thereon
- 4 - To see what measures the town will take on the  
claim presented by W<sup>m</sup> A. Farwell for damages  
of stage or horses on the road from North Chelmsford  
to Middlesex Village
- 5 - To see if the town will repair the Hearse house
- 6 - To see if the town will repair the old Barn on the  
Poor farm
- 7 - To see if the town will accept of a list of Snyman  
made out by the Selectmen, or act thereon -

And if fail not, and make due return  
of this warrant to ourselves at or before the time of  
holding said meeting -

Given under our hands & seals this twentieth  
day of March A. D. 1844

Charles Blood } Selectmen  
Elijah Richardson jr } of  
David Perham } Chelmsford



Officers, return in the foregoing manner to

I have secured the within by posting up true & attested  
copies thereof at each of the public meeting Houses and at  
the Tavern of Noah Robinson, all in said town so that the  
same may stand two Sabbaths before the time of holding  
said meeting

Chelmsford }  
March 24-1844 }

Nathan P. Dadsman, Constable  
of Chelmsford

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts -

At a legal meeting of the qualified voters of the Town of  
 Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex, holden the first day  
 of April in the year one thousand eight hundred & forty four  
 for the purpose of giving in their votes for their County  
 Commissioners and for two Special Commissioners, for said  
 County - The whole number of ballots given in for County  
 Commissioners was one hundred & thirty two

and the whole number of Ballots given in for Special Commissioners  
 was one hundred & thirty four

and the whole number of votes for each list were sorted,  
 counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made, as by Law  
 is directed, and were for the following persons, viz: -

|                  |                     |     |
|------------------|---------------------|-----|
| Josiah Adams     | ninety seven votes  | 97  |
| Josiah B French  | one hundred & three | 103 |
| Seth Davis       | ninety five         | 95  |
| Timothy Fletcher | ninety two          | 92  |
| Asa F Lawrence   | forty six           | 46  |
| Luke Fiske       | eighty              | 80  |
| Amasa Eames      | forty seven         | 47  |
| Sidney Spalding  | six                 | 6   |
| Asa Lawrence     | one                 | 1   |
| Levi Parker      | one                 | 1   |
| Joseph Manning   | one                 | 1   |

|                  |             |    |
|------------------|-------------|----|
| Nathan Crocker   | ninety six  | 96 |
| John Fletcher    | ninety six  | 96 |
| Ephraim Moore    | forty seven | 47 |
| Leonard Thompson | forty seven | 47 |
| Eli Rine         | one         | 1  |
| Jonathan Bowers  | one         | 1  |

Charles Blood } Selectmen  
 Elijah Richardson } of  
 David Perham } Chelmsford

Attest E. F. Webster Town Clerk

For County Commissioners

For Special Commissioners



At a meeting of the Selectmen of the Town of Chelsea -  
held qualified to vote in town affairs held on the first  
day of April 1881 the following order was read and  
proceedings had to wit -

Those Messrs Joseph Manning Moderator

Noted That the Lowell road from the Golden Case brook  
and also all roads north of the said Lowell road which  
formerly belonged to Highway District No. 10 be  
annexed to Highway District No. 1

Noted To choose a Committee of three persons to settle the  
claims of Wm. Farwell if they think it is  
for the town

Those Gent. Benj. Adams, Capt. Otis Adams & Capt. Asa  
Hodgman - Gent. Adams declined -

Noted To reconsider the vote choosing the said Committee

Noted That the Selectmen be instructed to offer the said  
Farwell the sum of ten dollars

Noted To reconsider the above vote, instructing the Selectmen &c

Noted That the Selectmen be instructed to settle with  
Wm. Farwell for 25 dollars

Noted That the Selectmen be instructed to cause the  
Horse House to be repaired

Noted To dismiss the 6th article in the warrant for this  
meeting

Noted To accept the List of Taxes prepared by  
the Selectmen

Noted To dismiss the Meeting for town affairs

Joseph Manning Moderator

Recorded by S. F. Webster Town Clerk

and List of Names proposed by  
the Chairman & accepted by the Town April 1844

Leitch B. Parker  
Francis B. Parker  
Israel Putnam  
Josiah K. Parkhurst  
Josiah Spalding  
Solomon Adams  
Ephraim P. Spalding  
Owen Emerson  
Olive Hutchins  
Amos Whitney jr  
Stephen Spalding Esq  
Otis Adams  
Marcus D. Bryan

Isaac Crooker  
Parker Dutton  
Benj. Dudley  
Saml. P. Hadley  
Asa Hadgiman 2<sup>d</sup>  
Thomas Marshall  
Benj. F. Hodges  
Dean Salt  
Jonathan Sarcow  
Joseph Manning  
Stephen Parker jr  
Charles Parker  
Eli P. Parker



Town meeting April 8 - 1844 being 31

an adjournment of the annual March Meeting  
The Inhabitants of the Town of Beltsford qualified to vote  
in town affairs met at the Town Hall on Monday the  
8th day of April 1844 according to adjournment being  
the second Monday of said month and proceeded as  
follows to wit -

- Resolved To reconsider the vote passed previous to the adjournment,  
raising 1500 dollars for the Support of schools, & also  
the vote appropriating 300 dollars to ~~the same~~
- Resolved To read the report of the School Committee
- Resolved To approve of said report
- Resolved To raise the sum of fourteen hundred & fifty dollars for  
the support of schools -
- Resolved That 200 dollars of the above sum be divided among  
the smaller districts at the discretion of the Selectmen
- Resolved To raise fifteen hundred dollars for incidental charges
- Resolved To raise eight hundred dollars for the repairs of High-  
ways, town-ways & bridges -
- Resolved To repair the roads & bridges that same was & manner as  
last year
- Resolved To pass over the subject matter contained in the 3rd article  
of the warrant for the town meeting held on the 5th day of  
June last & to take up the subject contained in the  
4th article of the warrant for the aforesaid meeting -
- Resolved To set off Mt Benj - Blood from School District No. 11  
& annex him to Dist No. 8. -
- Resolved To choose a Committee of three persons to carry the  
preceding vote into effect -
- Chose The Selectmen said Committee
- Resolved To assess a tax of 500 dollars on School District  
No. 11. for the purpose of Building a School house  
in said district
- Resolved That the town provide a hearse for the North  
burying ground & be for the use of the town
- Resolved To choose a Committee of three persons to carry said  
vote into effect
- Chose Thomas Durant, James Whittemore & Edmund Sweet  
said Committee

It was then moved "That a Committee of seven persons

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be appointed with instructions to use moral, & if  
necessary, legal suasion with all persons engaged  
in the traffic of intoxicating drinks within the  
limits of this town, & that the expense of this  
Committee to the town for one year shall not exceed  
ten dollars

And when the question is taken on the foregoing motion  
it be taken by dividing the house

The question was then taken & decided in the  
affirmative, there being 89 for the motion and  
67 against it

Then the Selectmen, the two Constables, Henry B. Proctor &  
Wm Fletcher 3<sup>d</sup> said Committee

Voted That all persons who shall pay their taxes for 1844  
on or previous to the first day of August next shall be  
allowed a discount of 3 p.cts

And That the Collector shall receive nothing for the  
Collection of any tax that shall remain uncalled for  
on the first day of March next

The Collection of taxes was then set up at auction &  
bid off by Rufus Byram at one cent and  
three mills on the dollar

Chose Rufus Byram Collector of Taxes for 1844

And To choose a Committee of three to settle with the Treasurer

Chose Otis Adams, Alpheus Spaulding & Daniel Parker

And To choose a Committee to appraise the property at the  
annual sale & farm

Chose Capt Ezra Hodgman & Alpheus Spaulding & Daniel  
Parker

Voted To choose 2 Wingers of Day

Chose Joseph E. Hayward & Thomas J. Adams

And To dissolve the meeting

Joseph Manning Mod<sup>r</sup>

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk  
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# Report of the School Committee for 1843

Town of Onehunga 24th Feb. 1844

The Committee that was chosen to take the superintendence of the Schools in this town the past year, feeling this a trust of no ordinary importance was committed to them, have endeavored to discharge the duties incumbent on them faithfully & conscientiously; and having witnessed the intense interest manifested when former reports of School Committees have been read before the town, they are led to believe that their report will be heard with candor and favor. — Your Committee regard the rising generation as those who are soon to be pillars of Society, nay the very elements of which Society is to be composed, and therefore, as having claims on the Community for an education both moral <sup>and</sup> literary, equal, if not superior to any other that can be produced. When we consider that the social, moral & political condition of Society is to depend mainly on the instructions received, the impressions made, & habits formed in our common schools, can we for a moment doubt that constant vigilance & liberal views should characterize all our proceedings in regard to them; one great indication that their value is appreciated by the inhabitants of this town may be seen in the liberal grants of money that have been made for several of the past years; another in the expenses incurred in erecting new, or remodelling <sup>or repairing</sup> old School houses; and still another in the more full attendance of Parents at the examinations of our Schools; which last, your Committee consider of great importance as an encouragement to both Teachers & Scholars, and as a means of impressing more deeply upon themselves the importance of this institution, and the necessity of aiding in every possible manner, in bringing our Schools to that standard of perfection to which we hope to see them elevated.

In taking a view of the Schools for the year past, we shall rank them according to the improvements made, the order manifested, & general conduct of the School during the term.

The summer School in district No. 1, manifested at the closing examination a very great degree of improvement in the various branches, and superior order.

No. 1. School in winter was divided all under ten year old being put under the care of a female teacher: the examinations in both branches were highly satisfactory & gratifying to the Committee and visitors of whom there was a respectable number, much to the credit of the district.

No. 2. Summer School in this district made a good appearance at the close, & received the approbation of the Committee. The winter School manifested faithfulness on the part of the teacher, and a good degree of improvement on the part of the scholars.

No. 3. The Summer School in this district was of a superior order & was considered as worthy of much praise. The winter School was commenced by a man who, on trial, was found incompetent & had leave to retire after an administration of nine days. Another was then engaged and the School was prosperous, with the exception of some little alienation of feeling between the teacher & a few of the scholars and had a good examination at the close.

No. 4. The Summer School in this district was highly Commended by the Committee. The winter School also manifested a degree of improvement, that was highly creditable, and had the honor of having the greatest number of visitors at the close of any School in town.

No. 5. In this district the Summer School was, as it respects order, very good, but the teacher had the art of teaching only in a straight line - hence they seemed to know but little that was not stated point blank in their text books. The teacher of the winter School was a man deeply sensible of the importance of his vocation, and labored hard in it, without producing those visible effects which are to be desired - hence the improvement, as appeared at the close was not so great, considering the length of the School as might have been wished.

No. 6. The Summer School in this district commenced under favorable auspices, but for reasons unknown to the Committee, as they were not informed of any dissatisfaction, came to a premature end. The winter School was such that the Committee feel constrained to speak of it in the highest terms of commendation - the order



in particular, was the best they ever witnessed

The Summer School in this district was such in appearance as reflected the highest degree of credit on the School & Teachers. The School in the winter lost nothing of its previous character & reflects much honor not only on its teacher but on the Parents who have for many years encouraged their children & teachers by their visits at the School room

No. 8. The Summer School in this district, was taught by one who stands high in the confidence of the Committee as a teacher, and whose labours were crowned with a good degree of success. The teacher of the winter School was a young man who, in our opinion would have succeeded well in many other Schools; of his intelligence & activity there can be no doubt. When the Committee visited the School at the commencement the appearances were quite favorable, but it was soon suggested that there was not order to one of the Committee who called in, when all appeared right, he further questioned some of the largest scholars in whom he had confidence, who gave a favorable account, & likewise suggested to the teacher the necessity of watchfulness, & nothing more was heard until the near approach of the end of the School, when some complaints were made & the complaints were told that if they could prefer any charges they should be attended to, which they neglected to do & the School passed on - When the closing examination came round, the Committee were satisfied there might have been, & ought to have charges preferred & would have been, had Parents had the knowledge of facts they ought to have had - for not a solitary individual from the district came into the School but the scholars until the closing examination when but two females from the boarding place of the teacher dared to be singular from their neighbors & grace the house with their presence. The Committee would respectfully suggest to the inhabitants of this district, that they need take a deeper interest in their Schools, for it is the firm opinion that until this is done, the school must suffer in comparison with most other schools in town - so give some account of the closing examination, there were but few scholars present,

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The committee behaved with propriety & we perceived in them some improvement: the behaviour of the largest boys was also more good - some improvement - but the conduct of the middle sized boys was not to be praised & of several no improvement was visible. We suspect from the evidence we can collect that the Master was not given enough of the subject & was unable afterwards to make a successful stand against disorder & misrule.

No. 9. The Summer School in this district was taught by one teacher twelve weeks, who was then called away, another kept five weeks. Both highly accomplished teachers, the School manifesting at the close a fine appearance. - The winter School for some reasons did not make that progress which was desirable, there seemed to be a want of interest on the part of the scholars that was not to be commended, and on the whole the School was barely passable.

No. 10, The Summer & Winter terms of this school were taught by the same person, a female, who has secured the approbation of the Committee.

No. 11, The School in this district has been taught by a female without experience. In Summer & Winter terms, the Schools being continued for thirty six out of the fifty two weeks the School at the visitations appeared respectably.

& respectable no. of visitors present at examinations in districts No. 1-2-3-4-5-6 & 7.

In stating the relative merits of the Summer Schools, the Committee feel some embarrassment, there being so many whom they consider as having a claim for the highest honors - amongst them are Nos. 1-3-4-7-8 & 9. These six out of the eleven Schools were favored in having teachers superior to those of our one year in equal number for many years past - we must with some hesitation give a small preference to No. 1, -

In the winter Schools we shall place Nos. 4 & 6 in the front rank giving the preference to No. 6. - Two Schools in No. 1. The School in No. 2 - No. 3. No. 7. No. 10 and No. 11 - holding the second rank - No. 5 & 9 the third, leaving No. 8 to bring up the rear.

The Committee are happy to state that they have been called together but once to settle or allow any



commotion and that in district No. 1. When hearing the charges against the Master they did not consider them of so grave a character as to require severe rebuke, or even reproof to be administered to the teacher. And by giving a little / as thus concerned wholesome advice to the children - & thus had the satisfaction of seeing the School progress smoothly to its close - We feel constrained to offer our congratulations to districts No. 5 & 6 that have made such important alterations in their School houses, so that they will now compare in point of convenience with any in town - The School Houses in town being now in a state of good repair with the exception of the one in No 2.

The sum raised for Schools in this town is thought by some to be too high, we feel it therefore a duty to state in this report that one hundred fifty seven dollars & fifty cents has been expended the last year for private schools.

The Committee would call the attention of the town to irregularity of attendance which they believe to require some remarks, although the absences we believe to be less than in some former years - The absences in the schools for summer & winter varying but a very small fraction from  $\frac{3}{10}$  - This amount of absences may appear alarming, but is not so much so as when viewed at first sight. In a few of the schools, scholars had come a part of the term from other districts & were included in the general average; in others, some diseases have prevailed amongst the children causing a greater number of absences; but after all these allowances, we fear that much of this evil that remains is unnecessary and that those Parents who influence or permit their children to be absent unless in extreme cases are guilty of inflicting an injury upon the School community.

If it be consistent with the principles of our government to tax the community for the support of schools, if it be right, then the community have a right to expect children to attend - The Prussian system is considered by some to be the most perfect & efficient in the world: The schools are supported wholly by the public & Parents neglecting to send their children to school a certain portion of each year

are called to account by the civil magistrate - We do not expect to see this done in this Country, yet so far are we from conceiving something of this nature to be antirepublican, we believe it would be the firmest support of Republican institutions. Certain can we conceive that ~~this~~ oppression to the rich to be taxed for the education of the poor, for it is only virtually being taxed for the protection of their own person & property, as there are no better guards against vice than the moral & literary training of the youth in a Community - We therefore sincerely hope that the evil that arises from a depreciation of our Common Schools viz irregular attendance, may grow less & less untill it shall be hardly known -

Another & greater evil in some of our Schools is tardiness in attendance - A Portion of the Pupils enter the School room from twenty to sixty minutes the School has commenced, much to the annoyance of those attending seasonably. The tardy ones leaving the charm of reading once, an eighth, fourth or third of the forenoon gone, the whole School disturbed, and why? Perhaps, because your boy was contracting habits of sloth & indolence in not attending with sufficient alacrity to his care & duties at home - Parents, look well to this, for it is an evil of greater magnitude than is generally supposed - It is an evil of which Parents, in general, are not sufficiently aware. The first exercise in the morning is reading the Scriptures; in which all who can read are expected to engage / which is continually interrupted; the door swinging, letting in cold air & cold Scholars who must be warmed before seating. Can all be done without disturbing the School? It certainly can not, and it is our opinion, that in some schools, located in or near our villages, one third of the money is lost from tardiness & its attendant evils. The question then arises, what means can be adopted as a preventative? The reply may be, let Parents send their Children in proper season; but this does not strike at the root of the evil for it has been noticed by men of observation in the vicinity of some of our School houses, that children who have been sent one half hour before noon have frequently been seen half an hour after school



time at some shop, store, or ice patch in the neighborhood. In some towns Scholars are required to give a reason for delay, in others the doors are closed at a certain time after which none are admitted till recess. In one School in this town the past winter, the teacher, finding it necessary to enforce a more punctual attendance informed the School that on such a day the door would be closed at such a time, which was done accordingly, when several were shut out. This was done for two or three mornings & produced the desired effect. This was strongly objected to by some Parents, & desired a meeting of the Committee; they accordingly convened & heard the respective parties, but as there appeared to be so much feeling on the subject, they did not advise the continuation of the rule but recommended a substitute for it. — The Committee would strongly recommend that at their several district meetings the subject should be taken up & acted upon. It would also be gratifying to the Committee if the Town would express an opinion on the rule or make some other that they would recommend, as this would give a sanction to the course which might result in good.

The Committee have constantly endeavored to impress on teachers & Scholars the necessity of moral culture, judging that literary acquirements without corresponding moral worth would avail but little in advancing the good of the community. It needs, to a considerable extent, the well being of society and bears itself down to coming generations. Unceasing gratitude, it seems to us, should swell the bosom of every citizen of New England as he contemplates the good which our Schools have already produced, but like everything in which the agency of man is concerned, they are liable to degenerate. Sound Morality does not always follow in the train of literary attainments, & hence our Schools should be watched with a vigilant eye. If in some cases clownish asperities have been smoothed down, and low vulgarities shamed away, there is reason to fear that in others, the comparatively innocent have been corrupted & their morals permanently injured. Young Children are, in some respects, like metals in fusion; they receive a form corresponding

with the mould into which they are cast. If their minds  
come in daily contact with the language of profanity, obscenity  
or of objectionable forms of impropriety - if they are accustomed  
to witness examples of dishonesty, pride, revenge or of  
craft & dishonest dealing - in a word, if they are taught that  
it is as well to be superficial as profound, provided they  
can make a good appearance on examination day, what  
can be expected of them, but that they will grow up an  
unprincipled generation, "a seed of evil doers," who will  
transmit to posterity the pernicious influences by which  
their own characters were formed. But if their young  
& tender minds are imbued with the principles of truth,  
justice, humanity & sound scholarship - if they are taught  
to admire wholeness is good, excellent & praiseworthy, &  
to regard the welfare of others as they do their own,  
our schools will resemble those fountains whose streams  
refresh & fertilize the land. Under their influence,  
Societies will assume a peculiar loveliness & be irradiated  
with the beams of moral excellence. Everything will  
tend to melioration. Rulers will seek the general  
good - Magistrates will be faithful, and the public  
will be free from every spirit of immorality.

But in the opinion of your Committee our schools  
are not yet, in all respects, what they should be, nor what  
it is hoped, with the blessing of God, they will become.  
Great improvements have been made of late years in  
the art of teaching & in the thoroughness with which instruc-  
tion is now imparted. Studies which were once exis-  
tentially sequestered within the enclosure of higher Semi-  
naries of learning are brought down to be diffused among  
the ranks of the people. This argues well so far as intel-  
lectual education is concerned, but we should be solicitous that  
moral culture move on with equal pace. How  
shall this be done? In our opinion much depends  
on the books our children read & study. If their  
subject matter be frivolous & vain, their style coarse  
& indignant, or if, under the garb of fascinating language  
they conceal the poison of infidel sentiments, their  
tendency should be strongly deprecated.



But if they be characterized by a pure diction & by noble & virtuous sentiments, they perform an important agency in training up our Children "in the way which they should go." Much also depends on the Character of the teachers we employ. These should be selected with reference to their moral as well as literary qualifications. Our civil Statutes require them to impart instruction in the principles of piety & Morality, & they should do it by example as well as by precept. We, therefore, strongly advise our Prudential Committee, that, from the candidates for teachers coming within their view, (other things being equal) they should give a preference to those who will exert the happiest influence upon the Morals of their Pupils. - Yet after a

have come to a wrong conclusion, more depends on the training & disciplining of our Children at home. And we might as well look for pure flour from wheat mixed up with poisonous ingredients, by its passing through a good mill, as for pure morals from Children whose minds are corrupted & tastes perverted through the influence of Parental precepts & examples. Parental influence, like the law of gravitation, acts powerfully & constantly, though sometimes, silently. It bends the tender twig & gives form to the future tree. It sets a copier which is to mould the hand writing of future generations. And, in our opinion, it is transmitted by laws that operate as surely as those which regulate the action of poison or medicine on the physical constitution of man. It is obvious, therefore, that great responsibility lies upon those to whom Providence has assigned the office of making first impressions on the little ones entrusted to their care. For it may be expected that what Children are in the family circle, they will be in the School room, & to some extent, on the stage of public life.

There is yet one subject to which we wish to call the attention of the town, which delicacy on our part, would seem to forbid, yet a sense of duty prompts us not to pass it unnoticed. It is this: We perceive that there yet remains in the mind of some an objection to choosing a superintending committee

1748  
we had thought that the good effects on our common  
schools resulting from the influence of a competent, judi-  
cious & efficient Committee were too obvious to be  
doubted. Even if our schools receive no direct  
benefit from their care, advice & influence, without  
them our town would become the Tannery into which  
incompetent teachers from far & near would be  
poured & deluge that town with all those evils  
resulting from ignorance & folly.

If the Committee, in any of the foregoing remarks,  
have seemed severe, they think they stand excused  
when they state, that by such seeming severity, they  
hope that a cure of the evils of which they complain  
may be effected.

Respectfully submitted  
Very

John Parkhurst } School  
B. F. Clark } Committee of  
Otis Adams } the town of Chelmsford

April 8<sup>th</sup> In town meeting, read & approved  
1844 )

E. F. Webster Town Clerk



Middlesex ss To either of the Constables of the Town of  
Thelmsford - Greeting  
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
you are hereby directed to notify & warn the Inhabitants  
of said Town qualified to vote in Elections to meet at  
the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the twentieth  
day of April instant at two o'clock  
P.M. & to give them votes for two special County  
Commissioners for the County of Middlesex on  
one ballot -

- And you are directed to notify the inhabitants  
of said Town qualified to vote in Town affairs to  
meet at the same time & place & act on the  
following articles to wit: -

- 1- To Choose a Moderator
- 2- At the request of Severin Silvan & others - To  
see if the Town will reconsider the vote passed  
at the last town meeting, by which a Tax was levied  
on the inhabitants of School district No. 11. to  
raise in sum of five hundred dollars for an increase  
of building a School house in said district
- 3- To see if the Town will take Jean Balt's name  
from the Junior's box & appoint some other man  
in his stead, or act thereon

And you will not, & make due return of  
this Warrant with your doing, thence to ourselves  
at or before the time of holding said meeting  
Given under our hands & Seals this nineteenth  
day of April A.D. 1844

(Charles Blood ) Selectmen  
S. Richardson Jr }  
D. Perin } Thelmsford

Thelmsford Apr. 20. 1844 - I have served the within warrant  
by posting up true & attested copies thereof at each  
of the meeting houses & at Mr Butts Tavern all in  
said town so that they may stand two Sabbaths  
before the time of holding said meeting  
D. Perin Constable  
of Thelmsford

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

At a legal meeting of the qualified voters of the Town of Shelburne in the County of Middlesex holden on the twenty ninth day of April, in the year eighteen

Ex. vote same for the same  
their votes for two Special Commissioners for said county - The whole number of ballots given in was Sixty seven

And the whole number of votes were sorted, counted, recorded, & declaration thereof made, as by law is directed & were for the following persons, to wit: -

|                              |                   |    |
|------------------------------|-------------------|----|
| Vathan Crosby of Lowell -    | forty two votes   | 42 |
| Jahm Fletcher of Acton -     | forty             | 40 |
| Ephraim Moose of Sudbury -   | twenty five votes | 25 |
| Leonard Thompson of Woburn - | ten votes         | 10 |

Charles Blood )  
Elijah Richardson )  
David Perkins )

recorded in B. F. 12<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1862



Accordingly with the warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford qualified to vote in Town affairs assembled at the Town Hall on Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 1842 & proceeded as follows to wit:

- Shon Charles Blood Moderator
- Voted To dismiss the second article in the warrant
- Voted To excuse Dean Hatt from serving as juror & that his name be taken from the jury Box
- Voted That Charles Swett be substituted as juror in the Place of Dean Hatt & that his name be put into the jury box accordingly
- Voted To dismiss the meeting

Charles Blood Mod.  
Recorded by S. F. Weston Town Clerk

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The names of Persons between the ages of 18 &  
- 5 liable to the Military Duty in the Town of  
Chelmsford as returned by the Assessors thereof  
May 17-1844

Adams Otis Jr  
Adams Thos. M.  
Adams Charles  
Adams Isaac  
Adams Joseph  
Alexander Samuel  
Austin Daniel F.  
Blood Charles W.  
Blood Isaac  
Bloodgeat Fred. W.  
Blood Benj. Jr  
Blaisdell Isaac  
Byram Wm. L.  
Byram Marcus Jr  
Byram Rufus  
Byram Stillman  
Burrows Wm. F.  
Baldwin Lucius R.  
Baldwin Benjamin  
Butterfield Jonas C.  
Bolton Alden  
Brown Jacob  
Ballard Saml. F.  
Barker Daniel  
Brammon George  
Bunt Arnold  
Barker Richard  
Ball Charles  
Blackley Daniel  
Badger Phillip  
Britton Land B.  
Bosworth Henry E.  
Bosworth Geo. W.  
Bartlett Samuel

Bartlett James  
Bowers Sewall  
Cochran Wm. R.  
Colton Ethan  
Cummings Oliver  
Crockett Ellsworth  
Cowdry Isaac B.  
Clark Carlos C.  
Colby Alvin  
Chatman John  
Coburn John  
Coburn James B.  
Dudley Benjamin  
Dyson Micah  
Dutton Amos J.  
Dutton Eldridge  
Dutton Eldred P.  
Dutton Stephen  
Drew Wm. B. S.  
Davis John L.  
Davis James R.  
Dargin Timothy  
Davis Lorenzo D.  
Dadman Nathan C.  
Dunn John  
Davis Joseph  
Durant Thomas  
Dillon Patric  
Dexter Bartlett W.  
Drake Nahum M.  
Drake Preston  
Drake Nathaniel Jr  
Davidson John



Eppe Elisha F.  
 Emerson John B.  
 Emerson John C.  
 Farwell Asa T.  
 Farns John  
 Farns Geo. S.  
 Farns Andrew  
 Fitch <sup>Jun</sup> 3<sup>d</sup>  
 Fitch Josiah R.  
 Fitch Jonathan P.  
 Flint Warren  
 Frost Charles A.  
 Farr Levi  
 Flanders <sup>Jun</sup> S.  
 Flanders Simon F.  
 Fitch Geo. A.  
 Fitch Jonathan T.  
 Gay Silas  
 Goward Ephraim  
 Goward Josiah  
 Gray David  
 Goodwin James  
 Grant James  
 Graves Albert  
 Goodwin John  
 Hulett John  
 Hulett Matthias  
 Harwood Solomon  
 Harwood Rufus  
 Harwood Eli A.  
 Hodgeman Elvah  
 Hodges Benjamin F.  
 Hartwell Geo. S.  
 Hall David  
 Hill Calvin  
 Hunter Gilman  
 Hayward Levi  
 Dowe John  
 Howard Calvin

Hamblett William  
 Horn Moses  
 Hall Harrison  
 Heywood Joseph E.  
 Hays William  
 Holt Dean  
 Howard Otis  
 Howard Samuel  
 Howard Eli  
 Hyde William  
 Jackson William  
 James Charles  
 Johnson Horan  
 Joplin Edwin  
 Janies Joseph Y.  
 Jones William  
 Kendall Luke  
 Keller Jacob  
 Kelly Moses  
 Kittredge Geo. P.  
 Kittredge Joel C.  
 Knowles John  
 Kiddle Zimi  
 Knott George  
 Knott Anthony  
 Kannon William W.  
 Lathrop Samuel  
 Lindsay Nathaniel  
 Lindsay Benjamin  
 Lull Lige  
 Larcum Jonathan  
 Libby James  
 Loring James  
 Mansfield Jeremiah C.  
 Mansfield Leonard J.  
 Mansfield Sarah  
 Mansfield Isaac  
 Moulton Stephen  
 Merriam Josiah C.

Morris James  
 Marshall Joseph  
 Marshall Thomas  
 Marshall Benj<sup>n</sup> P.  
 Marshall Eben H.  
 Marshall George  
 McEntee Warren  
 Mack Charles E.  
 Manger Harvey  
 McLaughlin Liram  
 Nesmith Jacob. A.  
 Nolta Justus  
 Ogden Thomas  
 Oshea Thomas W.  
 Parkhurst John 2<sup>d</sup>  
 Perkins John jr  
 Parker Charles  
 Parker Henry  
 Page Geo. W.  
 Page Albert  
 Page Victor M.  
 Pollard Dawson  
 Parker Francis B.  
 Pearl John  
 Phillbrick Christopher  
 Proctor Charles  
 Proctor Henry B.  
 Proctor Alfred  
 Parkhurst Paul S.  
 Proctor Rufus  
 Pesham Saml P.  
 County Joshua  
 Parker Artemas jr  
 Proctor Jasper P.  
 Pratt Joshua  
 Pratt Lowell  
 Pike James  
 Pinn Joseph B.  
 Perkins Francis

Poor Daniel  
 Rhodes A. W.  
 Richardson John  
 Richardson Josiah  
 Richardson Nathan  
 Rand Geo. W.  
 Reid Elbridge G.  
 Roby Christopher  
 Shiel Joseph  
 Shiel John S.  
 Shurtleff Lovell  
 Swenson Charles  
 Spalding Sherbush jr  
 Spalding Vassar  
 Sanborn Charles  
 Sanborn George  
 Sanborn Leonard C.  
 Smith David  
 Spalding Elbridge G.  
 Spalding Isaac  
 Spalding Benj<sup>n</sup> I.  
 Shepard Alfred  
 Shepard Francis  
 Shepard Alexander W.  
 Smith Jacob B.  
 Smith Stephen  
 Spalding Elbridge P.  
 Secombe Daniel P.  
 Saunders Thomas  
 Smith John  
 Shores Luther  
 Shores John  
 Sawyer Fred C. S.  
 Silen Harvey  
 Smith Thomas  
 Shaw Samuel  
 Shaw Elisha  
 Shurrott Henry  
 Southland Henry



Sanborn John M.  
 Swett Charles  
 Swett William  
 Smith Joseph W.  
 Stevens Stephen  
 Stevens Joseph  
 Smith David F.  
 Stanton Simon F.  
 Spalding Augustus E.  
 Taft Phillip  
 Turner John  
 Torrey Joseph  
 Tyler William  
 Tyler Nathan  
 Tyler Samuel  
 Tarratt Lewis  
 Upham Ezra A.  
 Upham Clement  
 Wright Calvin J.  
 Walker Benjamin  
 Warren Joseph J.  
 Waters Saml A.  
 Weymouth Converse L.  
 Webster Geo. W.  
 Wilson Franklin F.

Woodward Ephraim W.  
 Wiggin Loue  
 Weare Charles  
 Wait Harisson  
 Wait Aldis L.  
 Wait James G.  
 Whittimon James  
 Warden Allen  
 Woodward John  
 Wiggin Nathaniel  
 Wilson Asa  
 Woods Isaac  
 Woodward Geo. W.  
 Woodward Horan W.  
 Watson James  
 Wentworth Abraham W.  
 Willman Charles  
 Whipple Stephen  
 Buttrick Nathan  
 Bird Charles T.  
 Parkhurst Benjn E.  
 Parkhurst Hesekiel  
 Richardson Elijah J.

Recorded By E. F. Webster J.C.

E. F. Webster }  
 David Perkins } Selectman  
 Elijah Richardson }

Warrant

Whereas the selectmen of the town of Chelmsford

are hereby required to notify & warn the inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford, qualified to vote in elections to meet at the Town Hall in said town on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> day of November next at nine O'clock A.M. being the second Monday of said month for the following purposes to wit:—

To bring in their votes for a Governor & Lieutenant Governor of this Commonwealth, & for six senators for the district of Middlesex all on one ballot—

To bring in their votes for a Representative in the Congress of the United States for District No. 3—

To bring in their votes for Electors of President & Vice President of the United States

To choose a representative, to represent them in the General Court to be held in Boston on the first Wednesday of January next—

The Polls will be opened at 10 O'clock A.M. —

And you are likewise required to notify the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote town affairs to meet at the same place at One O'clock P.M. on the same day to act on the following articles, viz:—

- 1 To choose a Moderator
- 2 On the petition of Samuel F. Wood & others; in see if the town will appropriate money to erect a school house for the inhabitants of North Chelmsford & vicinity & act thereon. — And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting true & attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses, & at the Town of Concord Bury all in said town so that the same may stand & be visible, previous to the time of holding said meeting — Herof fail not & make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to ourselves at or before the time of holding said meeting or give under our hands & seals

This warrant was duly served at Chelmsford & D. 1844 —  
I have served this warrant by posting a true & attested copy thereof at each of the public meeting houses & at the Town of Concord Bury all in said town, so that the same may stand & be visible previous to the time of holding said meeting  
Chelmsford Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> 1844 — J. V. Dutton  
Constable of Chelmsford  
Charles Blood  
Elijah Richardson Jr  
David Perkins  
Selectmen Chelmsford



## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex & Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution & vote for Governor & Lieutenant Governor, holden on the seventh day of November, being the second Monday of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty six, for the purpose of giving their votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of said Commonwealth, the whole number of persons who gave in their votes was ascertained, as is directed in the revised Statutes Chap. 4, Sec. 13, by counting the whole number of separate ballots given in; and the whole number of ballots was one hundred & forty four.

And the whole number of votes given in for Governor were sorted, counted & recorded, and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed; and were for the following persons: viz: —

George Bancroft — one hundred & seventy six

Geo. V. Briggs — one hundred & sixty one

Samuel E. Sewall — seven

Charles Blood } Selectmen

David Pisham } of

Elijah Richardson } Chelmsford

Attest E. F. Webster Town Clerk

The  
Treasurer

Election Nov. 11. 1844 Contd

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

At a legal meeting of the Townspeople of the Town of  
 Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Common-  
 wealth of Massachusetts qualified by the Constitution  
 to vote for Governor & Lieutenant Governor, holden on  
 the Eleventh day of November being the second Mon-  
 day of said month in the year of our Lord one  
 thousand eight hundred & forty four for the  
 purpose of giving in their votes for Governor  
 & Lieutenant Governor of said Commonwealth, the  
 whole number of persons who gave in their votes  
 was ascertained, as is directed in the Revised Statutes,  
 Chap. 4. Sec. 3 by counting the whole number of  
 separate ballots given in; and the whole number  
 of ballots was Three hundred & forty five

And the whole number of votes given in for Lieut-  
 enant Governor were sorted counted and recorded,  
 and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution  
 is directed; and were for the following persons; viz

Henry H. Childs - one hundred & seventy eight.

John Reed - one hundred & fifty nine

William Jackson - eight

Charles Blood } Selectmen  
 David Perkins } of  
 Elijah Richardson } Chelmsford

Attest E. F. Weston Town Clerk



Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex & Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Senators, holden on the eleventh day of November, being the second Monday of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty four, for the purpose of giving in their votes for Senators for the district of Middlesex, the whole number of persons who gave in their votes was ascertained, as is directed in the Revised Statutes / Chap. 4. Sec 13 / by counting the number of separate ballots given in; and the whole number of ballots was Three hundred & fifty three

And the whole number of votes were sorted, counted & recorded, and a declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed and <sup>said vote</sup> were in the following persons: viz: -

James Russell - one hundred & seventy eight  
 R. Georges - one hundred & seventy eight  
 Luke Wellington - one hundred & seventy eight  
 W. Parker - one hundred & seventy eight  
 Joseph Fuller - one hundred & seventy eight  
 Josiah B. French - one hundred & seventy eight  
 Thomas Hayward - one hundred & fifty seven  
 Isaac Sumner - one hundred & fifty seven  
 Henry Wilson - one hundred & fifty seven  
 Royal Southwick - one hundred & fifty five  
 Charles Choate - one hundred & fifty seven  
 James P. Whitney - one hundred & fifty seven  
 Seth Ames - ten  
 David Goodale - one  
 James Kimball - one  
 Andrew T. Martin - one  
 Charles Foster - one  
 James B. Merrill - one  
 James T. Woodbury - nine

Charles Blood } Secutary  
 David Perkins } of  
 Elisha Richardson } Chelmsford

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Whereas the State of the Town of Chelsea  
 of the Middlesex & Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified  
 its constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court,  
 on the 10th day of November, being the second Monday  
 of said month, there were one thousand eight hundred & forty four  
 persons, the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative of  
 said Commonwealth, in the Congress of the United States for District  
 Number Three. The whole number of persons who gave  
 their votes was ascertained, as is directed in the Revised  
 Statutes Chap. 4. Sec. 13, by counting the number of separate  
 ballots given in & the whole number of ballots was  
 Three hundred & forty two  
 And the whole number of votes given in, were sorted  
 counted & Recorded, and declaration thereof made as by  
 law is directed and said votes were for the following  
 persons, viz:—

Geo. S. Boutwell - one hundred & seventy nine  
 Amos Abbott - one hundred & fifty six  
 Eben S. Baylis - seven

Charles Blood } Selectmen  
 David Perkins }  
 Elijah Richardson } of  
 Chelsea

Attest E. F. Foster Town Clerk

The Representative

in Congress is sent, W. B.



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Framingham in the County of Middlesex, qualified according to the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court, and on the Second Monday of November 1854, the said town of Framingham, for the purpose of giving in their votes for Electors of President & Vice President of the United States, the whole number of persons who gave in their votes was ascertained as directed in the Revised Statutes (Chapt. 4, Sec 13) by counting the whole number of ballots given in; and the whole number of ballots was Three hundred and Twenty seven

And the whole number of votes given in were received, sorted, counted & declared & record thereof made in open town meeting, as by law directed, and said votes were as follows:

For Electors at Large

Gayton P. Good - one hundred sixty one votes  
 Saml. C. Allen - one hundred & sixty one votes  
 Abbott Lawrence - one hundred & fifty two votes  
 Lewis Strong - one hundred & fifty two votes  
 Joel Hayden - Twenty four votes  
 John G. Whittier - Twenty four votes

For an Elector for District No 1

Charles E. Green - one hundred & sixty one votes  
 Nathan Appleton - one hundred & fifty two votes  
 Timothy Gilbert - Twenty four votes

For an Elector for Dist No 2

Elihu Stacy - one hundred & sixty one votes  
 John R. Allen - one hundred & fifty two votes  
 Nathan L. Chase - one hundred & fifty two votes

For an Elector for Dist No. 3.

Hermon Plummer - one hundred & sixty one  
 Hermon Bartlett - one hundred & fifty two  
 William Brown - twenty four

For an Elector for Dist No. 4.

Charles Thompson - one hundred & sixty one  
 Abraham R. Thompson - one hundred & fifty two  
 John Fletcher - twenty four

For an Elector for Dist No 5.

A. C. Knowlton - one hundred & sixty one  
 Charles Allen - one hundred & fifty two  
 Thomas Brandell - twenty four

For an Elector for Dist No 6.

H. G. Newcomb - one hundred & sixty one  
 Wm B. Calhoun - one hundred & fifty two  
 John Dickerson - twenty four



For an Elector for Dist. No. 1  
 Green Sage - one hundred & sixty one  
 Chauncey B. Rising - one hundred & fifty two  
 Edward Casalle - Twenty four

For an Elector for Dist. No. 2  
 William Brown - one hundred & sixty one  
 Elijah Rose - one hundred & fifty two  
 Jesse Wheaton - Twenty four

For an Elector for Dist. No. 3  
 Peter H. Paine - one hundred & sixty one  
 William Baglies - one hundred & fifty two  
 Laban M. Wheaton - Twenty four

For an Elector for Dist. No. 4  
 John H. Shaw - one hundred & sixty one  
 Seth Corwell - one hundred & fifty two  
 Gilbert Richmond - Twenty four

Charles Blood )  
 David Perkins )  
 Elijah Richardson )

W. H. W. E. F. Webster Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
County of Middlesex

According to a law of the Commonwealth, the  
qualification status of the town of Chelmsford, in town  
meeting on the day of November instant,  
with a choice of one Representative in the General  
Court did elect

being an inhabitant of said town, to represent them  
in the General Court to be holden on the first  
Wednesday of January next.

Dated at Chelmsford the day of  
November in the year one thousand eight hundred  
& forty four

The undersigned do hereby certify  
that a number of votes  
were given for a choice



Town of Chelmsford - At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford holden on the eleventh day of Nov. in the year eighteen hundred & forty four for the purpose of choosing a Representative in the General Court, the following proceedings were had to wit -

The Polls were opened at 10 O'clock A.M. as directed in the warrant - at 1/4 before 3 O'clock P.M. the Polls were closed & the votes sorted, counted, recorded & declaration thereof made & were as follows

Whole number of ballots 338

Necessary for a choice 170

|                        |     |       |
|------------------------|-----|-------|
| Mr. Joseph Manning had | 149 | votes |
| Charles Blood had      | 158 | "     |
| Elibridge G. Reed had  | 24  | "     |
| Edw. Hodgman had       | 3   | "     |
| Saml W. Adams had      | 3   | "     |
| Edw. David Perham had  | 1   | "     |

A motion was then made to adjourn to tomorrow at 1 O'clock & decided in the negative

It was then moved to proceed to a second balloting immediately & carried in the affirmative by a vote of 118 to 115.

The Polls were then opened at 1/4 past 3 O'clock & the balloting proceeded untill about 1/2 past 5 O'clock when the Polls were closed & the votes sorted, counted, recorded & declaration thereof made & were as follows to wit

Whole no. of ballots 289

Necessary for a choice 145

|                       |     |
|-----------------------|-----|
| Charles Blood had     | 136 |
| Joseph Manning had    | 127 |
| Elibridge G. Reed had | 25  |
| Saml Parker Esq. had  | 1   |

Voted to dissolve the meeting

|                           |                   |                             |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Attest E. F. Webster J.C. | Charles Blood     | } Secretaries of Chelmsford |
|                           | David Perham      |                             |
|                           | Elijah Richardson |                             |

As a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town  
of Chelmsford held on the 11-day of Nov. 1844  
pursuant to a warrant duly served, the following  
votes were passed & proceedings had to wit:—

Chose Charles Blood Moderator

Voted to build a house for the worthy part  
of the town & that moneys be appropriated  
therefor -

Messrs. Samuel F. Wood, Edmund Sweett,  
& Benjamin Blood then came forward & personally  
guaranteed, collectively, that said house should  
not cost the town over one hundred dollars.

whereupon, with their individual consent, the town

Ordered that the above guarantee be recorded in  
the town's Book of records -

Voted to choose a building Committee to cause said  
house to be erected

Chose the Selectmen said Committee

and to dissolve the meeting

Charles Blood Moderator

~~Attest~~ S. F. Wood, Town Clerk







1. Middlesex County of the Constable of the  
Town of Concord  
2. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
we are hereby required to notify & warn the Inhab-  
itants of the Town of Chelmsford qualified to vote in  
town affairs & in Elections & assemble at the Town Hall  
in said Town on Monday the third day of March  
next being the first Monday of said month at 9 O'  
Clock before noon, to act on the following articles to wit,
- 1 - To Choose a Moderator -
  - 2 - To Choose all necessary Town officers for the year  
ensuing
  - 3 - To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer for  
County of Middlesex -
  - 4 - To receive the reports of the Committee & settle with  
the Treasurer of the accounts of the Poor & any other Com-  
mittee which may have been chosen & act thereon
  - 5 - To raise & appropriate such sums of money as  
may be necessary to defray the Town charges the  
ensuing year, including Schools & the poor  
of the poor -
  - 6 - To determine the manner of repairing the Highway  
Town ways & bridges the year ensuing
  - 7 - At the request of Daniel Proctor & others, to see  
in what way & manner the town will dispose of the  
Crosby Farm, or act thereon
  - To see in what way the Town will order the Taxes  
to be collected & paid into the Treasurer the ensuing  
year or act thereon -

And you are directed to serve this warrant  
by putting up two attested copies thereof at  
each of the public meeting Houses & at Arnold  
Burt's Tavern all in said Town so that the same may  
stand two Sabbaths prior to the time of said meeting

Hereof fail not & make due return of this  
warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk  
on or before the time of said Meeting

Given under our hands & seals



This nineteenth day of February A.D. 1845

Charles Blood } Selectmen  
Elijah Richardson }  
David Perham } Chelmsford

Middlesex Co. Chelmsford February 22<sup>d</sup> 1845

I have served this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses, and at Arnold Burdett Tavern, so that the same may stand two Sabbath days prior to the time of said meeting.

Wm H. Cochran } Constable of  
Chelmsford

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford, qualified to vote in town affairs, holden on the 3<sup>d</sup> day of March 1845 pursuant to the foregoing warrant the following votes were passed & proceedings had to wit:—

Chas. Major Joseph Manning Moderator who declined  
Hon. Dea Olin Adams Moderator

Resolved That the bill of expenses for 1844 be now read  
Resolved To take up the 4<sup>th</sup> article so far as to hear the report of the Committee, to settle with the Treasurer  
Resolved To accept said report

Resolved To adjourn the meeting for 30 minutes

Met according to adjournment &  
Resolved To choose three Selectmen & also that the votes for all three be brought in on one ballot.

The Polls were then opened for Town Clerk, Selectmen & County Treasurer. At 40 minutes past 2 o'clock the Polls were closed for Town Clerk & Selectmen — and the votes for Clerk were sorted & counted & declared as follows viz whole number of ballots 251. majority for a choice 126

E. F. Webster had 146 votes & was chosen & sworn by

Benj. Adams Esq. —

Joseph Warren Jr had 101 votes. Joseph Bowers 1 —  
Turn over

See J. Adams 2 votes & Isaac Brooks 1 vote  
The votes for Selectmen being sorted counted & declared  
were as follows - Whole number of ballots 257 -  
necessary for a choice 129 -

Leptah Parker had 131 - & was chosen

Elbridge G. Reed 126 - Asa Hodgman 2<sup>d</sup> 125 -

Parker Dutton 125 - E. F. Webster 123

Wm F Burrows 89 - Otis Adams 39

Joseph Warrington 3 - Majr Joseph Manning 2

P. Hadley 1 - Ch. Blood 1 - Geo Emerson 1

John Swett 1 - S. Crocker 1 - D. Perkins 1 - E. Richardson 1

The Polls were then opened for the choice of two Selectmen  
& after remaining open a reasonable length of time &  
there being no objections the Polls were closed and  
the votes sorted counted & declared as follows to wit:

Whole No. of Ballots 253. necessary for a choice 127

E. F. Webster had 123 - E. G. Reed 120

Parker Dutton 117 - Otis Adams 93

Asa Hodgman 2<sup>d</sup> 36 - Wm F Burrows 6

Joseph Warrington 2 - S. Hodgman 1 - P. Clark 1

John Knowles 1 - S. Crocker 1 - D. Perkins 1

Voted To Call at again for two Selectmen

Voted To Choose a School Committee & two Constables

Voted To open the Polls for 2 Selectmen - three School Committee  
& 2 Constables at the same time

After waiting a reasonable time & there being no  
objections the Polls were closed & the votes  
sorted & counted for selectmen, were declared as  
follows - Whole No. of votes 197 - necessary for a  
choice 99 - E. F. Webster had 95 - Otis Adams 85

Parker Dutton 93 - E. G. Reed 93 - A. Hodgman 2<sup>d</sup> 17

Wm D. Fisher 1 - Daniel Forbes 1 - Alfred Proctor 1 &

Rufus Bryan 1 -

The votes for School Committee being sorted & counted  
were as follows viz whole No. 169 - necessary for a choice 85

Rev. John Parkhurst had 87 & was chosen

Rev. B. F. Clark had 86 & was also chosen

Rev. Daniel Forbes had 80

Leonty Manning 79 - Abel Hunt 79



Solomon Adams 74 - Otis Adams 4 - Nathan Buttrick  
Fred W. Blodgett 3 - B. F. Webster 2 - Alfred Parsons  
Septiah Parson - Wm. Witteridge 1 - Isaac  
The votes for Constables being

is follows: Whole no. of votes 174. Election for a Chain &  
Nathan Buttrick had 81 - Fred W. Blodgett  
Wm. K. Cochran 40 - B. F. Webster 38  
Darius Forbes 4 - B. F. Webster 2 - Timothy  
Shel Hunt 2 - Joseph P. Dutton 1 - E. G. Reed 1  
John A. Young 1 - B. F. O'Neal 1 - Isaac Crocker 1

The Polls being closed for a moment, (Learner for the  
Committee of Middlesex & the votes being sorted, counted  
& declared in open Town Meeting as follows:-

For Studman Buttrick Esq of Concord. Two hundred  
and eight votes being the whole number of  
votes cast for Committee, Learner  
Voted to adjourn the meeting to Monday next, (March 10) at  
10 O'clock before noon, then to meet at the Town  
Hall

March 16 - 1845. After adjourning the adjournment  
& the Polls were opened for the choice of two Selectmen,  
two Constables & two members of the School Committee,  
Rev. John Parkhurst having signified his nonacceptance  
of the office - The balloting having proceeded a reasonable  
time & there being no objection, the Polls were closed  
and the votes being sorted & counted were as follows

Selectmen - Whole number of votes 255. necessary for a  
choice 128 - O. F. Webster had 131 & was chosen  
Edwidge J. Reed had 130 & was also chosen  
Otis Adams had 119 - Parker Dutton had 114  
Rev. D. Forbes 2 - Joseph Witteridge 2 - Isaac Hodgman 2  
& Darius Parsons 2

For School Committee Whole No. of votes 239 necessary  
for a choice 120 - Rev. Darius Forbes 111 votes  
Timothy Manning 106 - John Parker 104  
Reuben Byam 103 - Otis Adams 15 - Joseph Warren 8  
Nathan Buttrick 5 - Fred W. Blodgett 5 - E. F. Webster 2  
E. G. Reed 2 - Wm. K. Cochran 1 - Nathan P. Dutton 1 -  
Parker Dutton 1 - & Rev. B. F. Clark 1

1792 (Annual Town Meeting March 2. 1845 contd)

Constables - whole no of votes 251 necessary to a chain 126  
Frederick W. Blodget had 127 & was desired elected &  
was sworn immediately - Nathan Buttrick jr 124  
N. P. Dadmun 3 - Nathan P. Dadmun 3 - Timothy  
Manning 5 - John Parker 5 - Rev. Darin Forbes 3 - Rufus  
Byram 2 - Deac. Peter Clark 1 - Isaac Crooker 1 - Benj<sup>r</sup>  
F. Olean 1 & John D. Young 1

Ballotted again for two School Committee men &  
the whole no of votes was 217. necessary to a chain 109  
Rev. Darin Forbes had 110 & was chosen & accepted  
Rufus Byram had 101 - Timothy Manning 99. John  
Parker 98. E. F. Webster 5 - Otis Adams 4. Joseph  
Manning 3 - Isaac Crooker 1 - B. T. Olean 1 - M. Sanborn 1  
Voted to adjourn for 30 minutes -

Met according to adjournment & proceeded to  
ballot for one School Commissioner & one Constable  
for the ensuing year. The whole no. of votes for School Committee  
The whole no. was 176. necessary to a chain 89  
Rufus Byram had 77 - Timothy Manning 43. John  
Parker 31. E. F. Webster 6 - N. P. Dadmun 4  
Deac. Peter Clark 3 - Joseph Manning 3 - Isaac Crooker 2  
Otis Adams 1 - Parker Dutton 1 - Jacob Brown 1 - &  
Thomas Warren one

Constables - whole no. 196 necessary to a chain 98  
N. P. Dadmun had 82 - Nathan Buttrick jr 81 - Deac Peter  
Clark 9 - Joseph Manning 7 - Rufus Byram 3. Timothy  
Manning 2 - F. Richardson Fitch 2 - John Adams 1  
John Wilson 1 - E. F. Webster 1 - Benj<sup>r</sup> Olean 1

Ballotted again for 1 Constable & 1 School Commissioner  
On sorting & counting the votes they were as follows

School Committee - whole no. of votes 156, necessary to a chain 79  
Rufus Byram had 53 - Timothy Manning 39 - Stillman Byrnes  
25 - John Parker 9. Barnard Strallers 4. Deac Peter Clark 4  
Daniel Parker Esq 8 - Daniel Robinson Parker Esq 2  
Frederick W. Blodget 1 - Alfred Crooker 1 - Benj<sup>r</sup> Blodget 1  
F. E. Byram 2 - F. Richardson Fitch 2 - John Shed Esq 1  
Dean Holt 1 - Deac Joseph Reed 1 - Joseph Manning 1 -

Constables - whole no 192. necessary to a chain 97  
N. P. Dadmun had 83 - Nathan Buttrick jr 71. Isaac



Annual Town Meeting March 10 - 1845 being 173  
an adjournment from March 3 - could

Crocker 12 - Isaac Peck 8 - Samuel Parker 3  
Rev. B. F. Clark 2 - Charles Parker 2 - Charles Proctor 1  
Simon Dutton 1 - H. B. Proctor 1 - Rufus Byam 1 - Stillman  
Byam 1 - Wm F. Burrows 1 - Eli Hubbard 1 - L. Richardson  
Fletcher 1 - Benj<sup>n</sup> Blood 1 - Sol. Adams 1 -

Voted To postpone the choir of School-committee men & Constables to  
the next town meeting or an adjournment of this meeting

Voted To choose overseers of the Poor & work house

Chose Major Joseph Manning Town Treasurer. The vo.  
being as follows: - whole no. 192. necessary to a choir 97  
Major Joseph Manning had 116 - Owen Emerson 68  
Scattering 8 -

Chose Asa Hodgman 2 - Sherbiah Spalding j & Major  
Joseph Manning Overseers of the Poor & work house  
whole no. of vote being 175. necessary to a choir 88  
Asa Hodgman 2d had 122 - Sherbiah Spalding j 121  
Joseph Manning 123 - E. J. Webster 46 - E. G. Reed 46  
Leptoth Parker 39 - Owen Emerson 2 - Asa Hodgman 1  
Joe Shud 1 - Gelman Wait 1 - Isaac Crocker 1 - B. F.  
Oleas 1 - H. B. Proctor 1 - Rev. Daniel Foster 1 - Rufus  
Byam 1 - Monkey Parker 1 - Barret Wright 1 and  
Lo Reed 1 -

Voted To accept the report of the overseers of the Poor, &  
ordered that it be recorded after being condensed  
& corrected -

Read the report of the Committee to approve the  
properties of the work house

Voted To accept the report & that it be recorded

Voted To choose six Field Drivers

Chose Bartlett W. Dexter - Gelman Waiter, Isaac Ellis  
Adams - Francis B. Parker - Paul P. Hadley &  
Benj<sup>n</sup> Livingston Field Drivers

Voted That all officers chosen, whenever the board is filled,  
be called & sworn immediately -

Voted To choose 3 fence viewers

Chose J. H. Jackson, & Paul Richardson & Frank Bowers

Voted To choose a Surveyor of Highways in each  
Highway District

Chose Samuel P. Perham, Ezra A. Upham - Jonathan W. Ward - Charles Swett - Trew. Wiggins - W<sup>m</sup> W. Burdett - Isaac Putnam - Isaac Isaac Spalding - W<sup>m</sup> F. Burrows - & Benjn F. Hodges, highway surveyors

Voted To choose 13 Surveyors of Lumber

Chose Isaac Brooks - & Ephrus Bowers - Samuel P. Hadley - Eli P. Parker - Dawson Pollard - Charles Blood - Joseph Adams - Charles Proctor - W<sup>m</sup> Swett - Sprake Livingston - Jon<sup>a</sup> Lacon & Henry Pyram - Surveyors of Lumber

Voted To choose Surveyors of wood

Chose Eben Adams - E. P. Parker - Ephrus Bowers - Sarah S. Parkhurst - S. P. Hadley - W<sup>m</sup> Swett - James Whittmore - Joseph Adams & Stephen Moulton

Voted To add 4 to the Surveyors of wood

Chose Geo. W. Woodward - Thomas Marshall - L. C. Sanborn & Ephrus Spalding

Voted To choose 4 weighers of Hay

Chose Joseph Reed - Joseph W. Smith - Arnold Bartt & Freeman W. Myrick -

Voted To raise five hundred dollars for the support of the Poor the ensuing year \$500.00

Voted To raise fifteen hundred dollars for the support of Schools \$1500.00

Voted To leave 150 dollars discretionary with the Selectmen to be divided among the smaller districts -

Voted That the Treasurers be a committee to ascertain the total amount of the School fund received & also the total amount paid out for the services of the School Committee since the School fund was established & report at a future meeting -

Voted To raise fifteen hundred dollars for the incident - al charges the ensuing year \$1500.00

Voted To raise 700. dollars for repairing the Highways, Townways & Bridges the ensuing year

Voted that the said ways & bridges be repaired in the usual manner

Voted Not to choose Assessors separate from the Selectmen -



Voted That the Selectmen be a committee to take into consideration the subject contained in the 7<sup>th</sup> article of the warrant for this meeting & report at the next, or an adjournment of this meeting —

Voted That the Selectmen be authorized to sell the Poor's farm if they shall think it expedient —

Voted To adjourn this meeting to the second Monday in April next at 1 O'clock P.M. then to meet at this place  
Monday April 14. 1845 Met according to adjournment

Spent the Polls for the Choice of one Constable and one School Committee.

The Polls being closed & the votes counted & declared as follows to wit: — the whole no. of votes for Constables were 76. Murphy & a Choir 39. Nathan P. Dabnum had 61 & was chosen — Dr F. M. Kittredge had 11. Epthah Parker 3 & Joseph Reed 1 vote  
The whole no. of votes for School Committee were 90. Murphy & a Choir 46. Epthah Parker had 65 & was chosen — Dr F. M. Kittredge had 22 & there were 3 scattering —

Heard the Report of the School Committee

Voted To accept the Report —

Voted To reconsider the vote directing the Treasurer to report at a future meeting relating to the School fund

Heard the Report of the Treasurer on the above subject

Voted To reconsider the vote passed at the meeting of which this is an adjournment, raising \$1500.00 for the support of Schools

Voted That the whole amount of the School fund received by the town to wit: \$418.03 be appropriated to the use of the Schools in 1845. = \$418.03

Voted To raise the sum of \$1081.97 in addition } 1081.97  
to the foregoing sum of \$418.03 for School purposes } 500.00  
in the School year of 1845-6

Voted That \$150 dollars of the School money be divided among the small districts at the discretion of the Selectmen —

Voted To raise \$425.00 in addition to the sum already

voted to be raised for the payment of the incidental charges

Voted That the Collector of Taxes be required to collect & pay into the Treasury all taxes Committed to him by the Assessors on or before the last day of February 1846 & that he shall receive nothing for Collecting whatever may be uncollected on that day, & also that he be required to pay interest for all moneys that may be due from him after the said last day of February

Voted To let out the Collection of the Taxes to the lowest bidder Rufus Byam bid off the Collection of the Taxes for 1845 at one cent & four mills on the dollar =, 014 per cent.

Chose Rufus Byam Collector

Chose Otis Adams, Owen Emerson & Ira Hodgman & a Committee to settle with the Treasurer

Chose Alpheus Shalding, Daniel Parker & Joseph Warren a Committee to appraise the Property at the Elm-house & farm

Heard The Report of the Committee on the damages done to the roads in consequence of raising the dam across Pawtucket falls

Voted To add two to said Committee

Chose Charles Blood

Voted To reconsider the vote adding to the above Committee

Voted That the said Committee formerly chosen on that subject be discharged from all further duty

Voted That the Selectmen be instructed to get the assessors printed but not in terms

Voted That all who pay their taxes on or before the last day of July next be allowed a discount of three per cent, 03 per cent.

Voted To dismiss the meeting

Otis Adams Mod.

Recorded by E. F. Webster, Town Clerk



Report of the Committee on the Damages  
Sustained in consequence of the dam across Pawtucket  
falls. R.D. 1

The Committee that was appointed at a Town Meeting  
to take measures to recover damages of the Lock and  
Company in Lowell for plowing out this road in Mid-  
dlessex Village; at a subsequent meeting made a report  
from which the Town instructed their Committee to settle  
with the Company by agreement or by a reference or  
immediately to commence a suit against them.

Your Committee immediately attended to that duty,  
found that they could get no settlement with them  
on the first & second articles of their instructions -  
The third, (which was to commence a suit immediately) after  
due consideration, they thought it would be for the  
interest of the Town to use some discretionary powers  
& therefore deferred commencing a suit. But have  
come to the conclusion to commence a suit when  
they think it to be the best time for the interest  
of the Town, if the Town has not given them further  
instructions.

which is respectfully submitted  
Chelmsford April 14-1845

Alpheus Spalding }  
Joseph Bowers } Committee  
Sherlock Spalding }

In Town Meeting April 14-1845 - "voted that the  
Committee be discharged from all further  
duty."

Recorded by E. F. Leicester Town Clerk  


# List of the Officers Chosen at the Annual Meeting of the Town of Webster J. Webster Town Clerk - Sworn March 3<sup>rd</sup> by Genl.

Collectors  
 Assessors

Highway

Surveyors

Surveyors of  
 Highway

Surveyors of  
 Land

|                       |                  |                                   |
|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| J. Webster            |                  | Sworn March 14 - 1845             |
| Jonathan Parker       |                  | Sworn March 10 <sup>th</sup> 1845 |
|                       |                  |                                   |
| Frederick M. Blodgett | Constable        | March 14                          |
| E. P. Jackson         | "                | Sworn April 15 -                  |
| Bartlett W. Dexter    | Field            | March 10                          |
| Gilman Hunter         |                  | "                                 |
| Sam. Otis Adams       |                  | "                                 |
| Francis B. Parker     | Drivers          | March 10                          |
| Saml. P. Hadley       | }                | "                                 |
| Benjn. Livingston     |                  | "                                 |
|                       |                  |                                   |
| J. R. Cochran         | Fence            | Sworn March 10 -                  |
| Paul R. Attridge      | Receivers        | "                                 |
| Col. Joseph Bowers    | "                | "                                 |
|                       |                  |                                   |
| Saml. P. Perham       | }                | "                                 |
| Ezra A. Upham         |                  | "                                 |
| James M. ...          |                  | March 22                          |
| Charles M. ...        |                  | March 16                          |
| Frederick M. Blodgett | } of the Highway | "                                 |
| John M. ...           |                  | "                                 |
| Isaac Perkins         | "                | March 16                          |
| Dea. Isaac Spalding   | "                | "                                 |
| Charles T. Bird       | "                | "                                 |
| Wm. H. Burrows        | "                | "                                 |
| Benjamin F. Hodge     | "                | "                                 |
|                       |                  |                                   |
| Charles Proctor       | }                | "                                 |
| James Crocker         |                  | "                                 |
| Alpheus Bowers        | }                | "                                 |
| Edw. P. Parker        |                  | "                                 |
| Lawson Pollard        | "                | "                                 |
| Charles Blood         | }                | March 10                          |
| Joseph Adams          |                  | "                                 |



Surveyors of  
Land and Water

Saml. P. Hadley }  
Wm. Sweett }  
Speaker Livingston }  
Jonathan Loomis }  
Henry Byam }

May 6 - 1845

sworn March 14 - 1845

Surveyors of  
Land and Water

Oliver Adams }  
Eli P. Parker }  
Stephen Bowens }  
Saml S. Parkhurst }  
S. P. Hadley }  
Wm Sweett }  
James Whittemore }  
Joseph Adams }  
Stephen Moulton }  
Geo. W. Woodward }  
Thomas Marshall }  
Saml V. Southam }  
Stephen Spalding }

Sworn March 10 - 1845

" " "

" March 11 "

" " "

" March 10 "

" " "

" " "

" " "

Wardens  
of Hay

Joseph Reed }  
Joseph W. Smith }  
Arnold Burtt }  
Freeman H. Myrick }

Apr. 11 - 1845

Refus Byam Collector of Taxes sworn June 16 1845

Rev. R. T. Clark }  
" J. Forbes } School Committee  
" W. L. Parker }

Report of the Committee to settle with the  
Treasurer 1845-6

The Committee chosen at the last March Meeting to make the next annual settlement with the Town Treasurer, have attended to that duty & report as follows (Vid?)

|                                                     |         |         |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| State Treasury -                                    | Balance | 942.74  |
| Received of State Treasury for School fund for 1842 |         | 62.15   |
| do for Support of State Paupers in 1843             |         | 6.79    |
| do " Willard Reed Collector for 1843                |         | 217.60  |
| do " Rufus Brown Collector for 1844                 |         | 3319.00 |
| do " Accounting to                                  |         | 4539.29 |

|                            |   |               |
|----------------------------|---|---------------|
| And is Credited Key Cash   | } |               |
| Paid sundry town orders    |   | \$4345.97     |
| Cash on hand at Settlement |   | <u>193.32</u> |
| Amounting to               |   | \$4539.29     |

2<sup>d</sup> which is respectfully Submitted  
March 1<sup>st</sup> 1845

By Olin Adams }  
Alpheus Spalding } Committee  
Daniel Parker }

Presented to  
Mr. Joseph Manning, Town Treasurer

The Committee would also report that they have  
 commenced an investigation of the finances of the  
 Town & of its liabilities and as high as they can  
 ascertain there are orders against the town  
 on interest amounting to \$2974. 97  
 orders not on interest 343. 80  
 Probable interest on orders 1000. 00  
 Bills against the town 138. 00  
 unknown to the Committee }  
 \$3656. 77

And then in the hands of the Treasurer  
 173.32  
 in the hands of the Collector  
 25.53  
 in the hands of the Treasurer  
 115.00  
 in the hands of the Collector for 1844  
 Amounting to  
 473.85

Bacon against the tower 3/27, 92

Respectfully Submitted by Rev. Adams, & Stephen Spalding, District Clerk. Benth



# Appraisal of the Property at the Almshouse 1844

The Subscribers, a Committee appointed by the town of Chelmsford at their annual town-meeting in March 1844, for the purpose of appraising the personal Property at the Town Poor Farm. We have attended to that service & present the following estimate of said property, (viz):

|                                   |          |                                  |                  |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Yoke of Oxen valued at            | \$70.00  | sent Cart up                     | 639.73           |
| 6 Cows                            | 130.00   | 9 <sup>th</sup> Salamis tur      | ,45              |
| 1 Horse                           | 20.00    | 37 <sup>th</sup> Butter          | 6.00             |
| 1 Swine                           | 36.00    | 1 Suet                           | ,36              |
| 11 Chickens                       | 2.75     | 2 Barrel Cracker                 | 1.37             |
| The amount of Stock               | \$258.75 | vegetables & cabables            | \$131.11         |
| 8 Tons English Hay                | 55.00    | 7 Hay forks                      | 3.00             |
| 1 " Stock Hay                     | 5.00     | 1 " Harrow                       | ,50              |
| 100 Stover                        | 7.00     | 2 Ox yokes & rings               | 3.00             |
| 100 Straw                         | 3.00     | 1 Draw harness for horse         | 2.50             |
| 8 Bush. Oats                      | 3.20     | 1 Waggon & Gang                  | 9.00             |
| 7 " Rye                           | 5.25     | 1 Waggon                         | 60.00            |
| 1 1/2 " Barley                    | ,90      | 1 Sleigh & Bell                  | 4.00             |
| 66 " Corn                         | 46.20    | 4 Iron Shovel                    | 1.75             |
| 1 1/2 " Seed Corn                 | 1.50     | 1 Wheel barrow                   | ,15              |
| 3 " Meal                          | 2.00     | 2 " " " " " " " " " "            | 2.50             |
| Amount of Hay & Grain             | \$165.05 | 1 wooden Shovel                  | ,25              |
| 25 Cords wood fitted for the fire | \$45.00  | 1 Wood saw & hand saw            | 50               |
| 6 " Peat                          | 18.00    | 8 Axes & 1 hatchet               | 3.12             |
| Amount of fuel                    | \$93.00  | 1 Butte & 3 Wedges               | 1.00             |
| 2 1/2 Bush. Beans                 | 3.00     | 5 Hoes                           | 85               |
| 1 " Salt                          | ,50      | 2 narrow do. & 2 Grabs           | 1.00             |
| 2 1/2 5 <sup>th</sup> Harrow      | 18.00    | 4 Draw Chain                     | 4.00             |
| Fresh meat & Sausages             | 1.70     | Horn fetters & whiffletree chain | .50              |
| 400 <sup>th</sup> Salt Beef       | 18.00    | 3 Mariner forks                  | 1.00             |
| 400 " " Pork                      | 32.00    | 2 Augers, Draw knife & Chisel    | 1.00             |
| 2 Barrels Apples                  | 2.00     | Nail Hammer & pricers            | .75              |
| 128 Bush. Potatoes                | 25.60    | 3 Cast Iron Ploughs              | 13.00            |
| 12 Gall. Pickles                  | 1.50     | 2 Ox muzzles                     | ,25              |
| 125 <sup>th</sup> Cheese          | 7.25     | 2 Saddles                        | 8.00             |
| 50 " Grind Apples                 | 2.00     | 11 Axe handles                   | 1.25             |
| 78 Barrel Flour                   | 5.50     | 18, 4 lb. Cider                  | 15.00            |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Tea               | 4.00     | 3 Cider Casks                    | 3.75             |
| 60 " " "                          | 4.80     | 9 Bails                          | 2.00             |
|                                   |          | 1 Ox Cart                        | 17.00            |
|                                   |          |                                  | <b>\$ 802.13</b> |
| sent Cart up                      | 639.73   | Carried over                     |                  |

|                                   |        |                           |           |
|-----------------------------------|--------|---------------------------|-----------|
| Amount Brought up                 | 82.13  | Amount Brought up         | 851.59    |
| Ham                               | 2.50   | 3 Looking Glasses         | .50       |
| Ham from wagon                    | 5.00   | 9 Tables                  | 1.50      |
| 1/2 Drag & 10x Sled               | 3.50   | 3 in Billows              | .25       |
| Scythe & 2 Saws                   | 1.50   | 1 Cook Stone              | 2.00      |
| 1 Grind-stone                     | 3.00   | 1 Box St                  | 1.00      |
| 6 meat Barrels                    | 2.50   | 3 Open Stoves             | 2.00      |
| Soap                              | 1.50   | 5 Sheets & 2 Trunks       | 7.00      |
| 8 Pats grease                     | 2.00   | 7 Iron Bars               | 1.00      |
| 76 <sup>00</sup> Tallow & Candles | 5.32   | 3 Flat Iron               | 1.00      |
| Malaga Reg                        | .50    | 1 Bed pan & 1 warming Pan | 2.00      |
| 1 Churn                           | 3.50   | 4 Iron fire Setts         | 2.00      |
| 1 Barrel & vinegar                | 3.00   | 11 Boxes                  | .50       |
| 25 Tin Pans                       | 3.00   | 5 Firkins & 3 Trays       | .87       |
| 2 cast-iron do                    | 84     | 1 Churn Press             | .50       |
| 2 Milk Cans                       | 1.00   | 1 Basket                  | .25       |
| 2 Stove Pans                      | 75     | 1 Knives & forks          | 1.25      |
| Lot Tin ware (23 pieces)          | 2.00   | 8 Tea spoons              | .25       |
| 2 Brass Kettles                   | 3.00   | 2 Gridirons & trasters    | 1.00      |
| Crockers & Glass ware             | 3.50   | 16 Beds & Bedsteads       | 48.00     |
| 10 Cast-iron Pots                 | 92     | 22 pr Sheets              | 10.50     |
| 1 Clock                           | 3.00   | 20 do Pillow Cases        | 2.50      |
| 1 Stove & lantern                 | .50    | 5 pr Blankets             | 5.50      |
| 2 Brass Candlesticks              | 1.00   | 12 Comforters             | 10.00     |
| 3 Wash Tubs                       | 1.75   | 12 Quilts                 | 10.00     |
| 2 Water Pails                     | .40    | 12 Towels                 | 1.00      |
| 3 Iron Spiders & Pots             | 1.00   | 2 Oil Cloths              | .50       |
| 1 stool Chair                     | 2.00   | 1 Broom                   | .16       |
| 1 Rocking do                      | .50    | 1 Library                 | 2.50      |
| 12 Chairs                         | 1.00   | 1 Set Dry. measure        | .75       |
| 1 in Steelward                    | .50    | 3 Baskets                 | .25       |
| Amount carried over               | 850.59 |                           | \$1000.12 |

The above is respectfully submitted for

Stephen Spalding  
 Daniel Parker  
 Ira Hodgman 2<sup>d</sup>

Appraisers

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The Committee, to whom was committed the  
 conduct of the Schools in the town for the Past year have  
 pleasure of announcing to the Town, that the year since  
 raised for education has been productive of the most  
 beneficial results, and <sup>that</sup> they have seldom been so for-  
 tunate in obtaining good & efficient Teachers, have  
 been employed the past year, inasmuch as out of  
 the eleven employed in the Summer, & twelve in Winter,  
 but four were found that were not above mediocrity.

No School has been broken up, but a spirit of  
 subordination & a just estimate of good government  
 has characterized nearly all the Schools in town -  
 In District No. 1. The summer school at its closing ex-  
 -amination gave proofs of the fidelity of the teacher &  
 application of the scholars -

The winter School was divided - all under ten years  
 of age were taught by an experienced female whose  
 labors were attended with that degree of success as  
 to merit a high degree of approbation from the  
 Committee.

The Male School comprised those who exceeded the  
 age of ten years - This school, at the examination  
 made by the Committee at the commencement thereof, ap-  
 -peared remarkably promising, yet after continuing several  
 weeks, a complaint was made to the Committee which  
 together with their closing, they feel constrained to lay  
 before the Town - In this complaint, made in  
 the name of the District by a Committee of the same, the  
 following charges were brought against the Teacher

- 1 - He has neglected or refused to teach some of the branches  
 required by law to be taught in the Schools of this State -
- 2 - He has devoted an undue portion of his time to those of  
 his pupils who are advanced in their studies, to the  
 neglect of those who were more backward -
- 3 - He has indulged in improper & unbecoming language  
 in the presence of his pupils
- 4 - He has falsely accused some of the pupils & some  
 of the Parents of those pupils of improper conduct  
 with the intention of injuring the character of the person  
 so accused -

5- In a number of instances he has browbeaten and abused many of his pupils thereby discouraging them in their improvement, instead of encouraging them, as he ought to have done

6- He has neglected to enforce the by-laws of the district for the preservation of the School-house, & furthermore, has been the means of damaging the School-room himself by encouraging his pupils to play therein in a disorderly manner during the time of recess

7- He has utterly refused to instruct scholars, who bear a vote of the district belong to the school of which he has the charge

and praying the Committee that the Teacher be dismissed from his office

In view of the foregoing Petition, the Committee convened & heard the parties on three different evenings - when it clearly appeared, that Street Gossip & Court Testimony, were not twin sisters; But, from the evidence produced, instead of exonerating the teacher, the result was greatly in his favour, excepting in one solitary instance, he had said, "that a certain individual whom he named, & others, were attempting to break up the School"; For this he was censured by the Committee & permitted to continue the School, which at the close, notwithstanding their prejudicial & calumnious, exhibited itself as a model of order, and gave evidence of great proficiency in Learning; In addition to branches commonly taught in our Schools, it appeared that Physiology, Geometry, & Algebra had been taught, (and not, as is sometimes the case, to the neglect of the fundamental branches,) and that no corporal punishment had been inflicted.

The Committee feel themselves justified in being thus explicit, as they have been severely censured, by individuals at least, for not using (or as they think, of not abusing) their power in turning off the teacher as prayed for in the foregoing Petition.



The Summer School in district No. 2, appeared to have been conscientiously but not efficiently conducted -

Winter School. Improvement fair, and possibly greater than was manifested; as the extreme diffidence of the Scholars left the Committee at a loss in judging of the attainments of many of them.

No. 3. The Summer School in this district gave evidence of the skill & discretion of the teacher, by prompt and correct answers to the numerous questions propounded, and the orderly conduct of the pupils -

Of the Winter School but little can be said in its praise, as the order at the closing examination was rather deficient - ambition wanting -

No. 4. The Summer School at its close manifested a degree of order & improvement honorable to the teacher & Scholars

Of the winter School. Modesty would seem to demand of the Committee a degree of silence that they do not feel inclined to keep, (as this School was taught by one of their number) feeling unwilling that the School should not receive its share of commendation through their delicacy, they would state their convictions that the former good character of this School has been fully sustained -

No. 5. School in Summer is deserving of praise for their orderly conduct and improvement in the various branches taught, - Winter, this School, in its progress & at its close did not give entire satisfaction to the Committee, & at the closing examination, the Scholars' heads, it is true were there, but the knowledge that should have filled them was wanting -

No. 6. Summer School examinations were highly satisfactory Winter - This School, which last year stood as first in point of merit - would have deserved the same for the year last past, had not some of the other Schools improved on the previous year; as it is, the School was highly commended by the Committee -

No. 7. The Summer School in this district was conducted by a young Lady amply qualified to teach in point of literary acquirements, but lacked the faculty of inspiring her pupils with that ambition & zeal so ne-

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necessary in School. Winter School conducted with great propriety - excelled in Composition

No. 8, Summer School conducted Satisfactorily & with honor to Teacher & Pupils

The winter School in this district, which has received, rather severe handling from the Committee for several years past, & stood very low, compared with other Schools in town, seemed resolved the past winter to redeem its Character, & under the care of an experienced & faithful teacher, demonstrated to the Committee at the closing examination that they had minds of a high order, & the interest on the part of the Parents was shown in the increased attendance of visitors at the examinations

No. 9 Summer School was conducted in a manner highly approved by the Committee

The winter School was composed of a large number of small scholars - The teacher being young we were apprehensive they might give him some trouble, but contrary to our anticipations, the order & proficiency in the various branches were such as to demand unqualified approbation

No. 10. Taught Summer & winter by the same teacher, the School being small - approved by the Committee

No. 11 - This School being composed of small scholars has been continued a large part of the year under the care of a highly gifted & faithful female Teacher, who has brought them forward in as great a degree as would be thought attainable -

In classing out the Schools in order to ascribe the degree of merit due to each, the Committee find some difficulty in drawing the line of comparison between the following Schools & their Teachers viz:

Summer Schools in districts No. 1 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 - 8 - 9 - 10 &

11 - Of the nine just mentioned we shall, with some hesitation, give the preference to No. 3 - Of the two remaining schools we shall make no distinction

The same difficulty occurs with regard to the winter



Schools in town: we will therefore class together those in No. 1-2-4-6-7-8-9-10 & 11, preferring the male school in No. 1. If any preference is to be given to either of No. 3, or 5, it must be in favor of No. 3, in consequence of greater unanimity of feeling between Teacher & Pupils in this than in No. 5.

As we take a view of our town, we perceive a similarity in the construction of our School Houses, in the means of warming & ventilating them, in the amount of money expended in our several districts - Yet in the Schools themselves, especially in former years, we perceive no small difference both in the degree of knowledge acquired, and in the still more important characteristic, propriety of conduct. From whence has this difference arisen? What cause has produced such results? are questions for the observing & Philanthropist.

In the opinion of your Committee, no cause has had a more powerful agency in the business than the Character & qualification of the Teachers, we have employed. We have been led to this opinion by the fact, that the same School that has at one time received the meed of praise, & been highly approved has, in the lapse of a few short months, sadly degenerated under the influence of less efficient instructors. We have been also, without examples of a contrary Character. Some Schools which, for obvious reasons, have stood low on the scale of merit, have, in the course of a single winter, been happily remodelled & elevated.

Under the stimulating influence & energies of a competent teacher, good has been accomplished not to be compared with silver or gold - habits of diligence in business, respect for wholesome authority, an elevated standard of morals & a commendable zeal in the pursuit of knowledge have characterized his labors.

On the other hand we might almost affirm that the money that has been paid to Teachers has, in some instances, been utterly lost, as far as improvement in their Pupils was concerned. If the compensation of our several teachers could be graduated by the scale of value of the services they render, we should have no reason to complain.

But this is not the case. The good, the bad, the merely tolerable, retire from our midst with about the same amount of money in their pockets, under the name of wages, proportionally paid for value received - This is an evil, against which it is, perhaps, impossible to, provide an effectual remedy, how much sorer it may be deplored -

Yet something may be done by the vigilance of our Prudential Committee, in securing the services of those who have had experience in that employment, or if they employ such as are not experienced as some such must be employed - we shall soon be out of stock. They should be very particular as to the character and deportment of such as are inexperienced. No stranger should be employed unless he exhibit credentials of character which could safely be relied on.

Your Committee feel that they shall be excused for giving expression to a few thoughts on the subject of vocal music as taught in some of our Schools. As the laws & operation of the youthful mind have become better known, it has been ascertained, that something more amusing than the cudgel applied to the head, or the rod to the back has

been productive of happier results. Children in some of our Schools, have for a few years past, given some attention to the singing of juvenile songs by imitation, without learning the principles of the art - Experience has proved that a little practice will enable a company of Children to sing a song correctly, or, as it is sung by the teacher, after hearing it a very few times; this practice has, we believe been confined to Schools taught by females, of course confined principally to small scholars. In the opinion of your Committee this practice should be encouraged. The following are some of the reasons that have led them to adopt this opinion.

1<sup>st</sup> We believe it will contribute to the early development & improvement of musical talent. If the teacher has a good voice & good taste, the children, by



teaching her will improve their voices, tastes, perceptions &c., and having secured a relish for this species of enjoyment, they will desire to learn more, and may be enabled to read it for themselves independent of

- 2- Perhaps it would be too much to expect (considering the limited number of teachers who are skilled in the practice) that the practice should become so general that every child & couples of music should be taught as one of the regular branches, yet we are far from believing that it would not have a salutary effect under competent teachers - a knowledge of the art would be acquired at a trifling expense, and the enjoyment of the people increased.

In the Prussian Schools, so much praised in this country, Music is made one of the regular studies. In some of the cities of N. E. music is scientifically taught in the common schools & found to be a saving of expense.

If all our female teachers were capable of teaching the principles of music our children would early acquire a knowledge of those principles at a trifling expense.

- 3- We are confident that the influence of this practice upon the feelings, & conduct of children is very salutary, & both the words & music of their songs tend to awaken & strengthen the kindest feelings of human nature, and children singing their songs together, will not be so likely to quarrel or to exercise bad feelings towards each other either in or out of school: If you were to judge from their countenances when singing, you would conclude that they were happy in the indulgence of the kindest feelings towards each other.

- 4- We believe this practice will not interfere at all with the regular studies: In other words, we believe as much or more study will be accomplished & with better effect when music is practiced. A large portion of the scholars who attend our Summer Schools do not study a third part of the time, & perhaps not any all the time. When the teacher discovers an indisposition to study on the part of some, browbeating in others, or insubordination in others, let them spend two or three minutes in singing an appropriate song. It may save an hour's time, and

and prevent the necessity of furnishing half a dozen  
Scholars - We believe if half an hour in the course of the  
day were devoted to singing, which in the way we do not  
recommend as much literary knowledge would be  
acquired as by neglecting this exercise - We believe this  
practice promotes the health of Children - The singing of a  
song will change the position & exercise the lungs and  
several sets of muscles, the effect of which will be salutary  
in promoting digestion and circulation - We are aware of  
the difficulty of procuring teachers to instruct in the art,  
even in the imperfect manner we have named, but let  
it be understood that such teachers will be preferred, other  
things being equal, and the demand will soon be supplied,  
as young Ladies will qualify themselves for giving instruction  
in this art - We have spoken of this practice in comparison  
with Common Schools only, not that we do not think it  
might be profitably practiced in our male schools,  
but scholars being of a more advanced age do not  
require so much change of position & employment  
as smaller Scholars

Permit your Committee in concluding this report, to  
thank you for the aid you have afforded them in  
the discharge of their duties, and to beseech almighty  
God, that he will cause the instruction your Chil-  
dren have received, to redound to their present &  
future good, and grant you one of the greatest  
of earthly blessings, that "of seeing your Children  
walking in the truth"

Respectfully submitted

By John Parkhurst } School

B. F. Clark } Committee of

Itis Adams } Chelmsford

April 11, 1845

April 14- 1845 - Read in town meeting & accepted -

Recorded By S. H. Webster Town Clerk



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| Adams Seth          | Cobb. Wilso.          |
| Adams Joseph        | Clark Carlos C.       |
| Adams Otis          | Clark Saml. J. M.     |
| Aldrich Geo. W.     | Campbell John         |
| Austin Daniel H.    | Carrington Wm.        |
| Baker Daniel        | Carrington Jonathan   |
| Ballard Joseph L.   | Carter George         |
| Bartlett James      | Calvert Wm. W.        |
| Bradford Henry      | Carrington Earlsworth |
| Brown Wm.           | Carrison Charles      |
| Bird Henry M.       | Corn. Phineas W.      |
| Bird Charles H.     | Coburn James B.       |
| Brown Wm. L.        | Coney George          |
| Brown Jacob         | Charles Osgood        |
| Brown John          | Harling John          |
| Briggs Bradford     | Davidson John         |
| Blood Charles H.    | Davis John L.         |
| Blood Nathaniel     | Davis David H.        |
| Blood Caleb         | Dadman Nathaniel P.   |
| Blood George J.     | Dutton Hildreth P.    |
| Blaisdell Joel      | Dutton Stephen        |
| Britton David B.    | Dutton Elbridge       |
| Buttfield Jonas C.  | Dutton Lewis W.       |
| Blodgett Fred E. W. | Dexter Bennett W.     |
| Bayard Henry        | Durant Thomas         |
| Bosworth Geo. W.    | Sitson Samuel         |
| Bosworth Henry E.   | Durkin Joseph H.      |
| Bugbee David H.     | Durkin Amos           |
| Buntell Horace      | Durkin Silas C.       |
| Buntell John        | Drew William P. S.    |
| Byam Rufus          | Dyer Henry H.         |
| Byam William S.     | Emerson John H.       |
| Byam Solomon E.     | Everett Henry         |
| Byam Simon          | Fielding Henry H.     |

Larkin John A.  
 Larkin John 3d  
 Larkin Geo. D.  
 Larkin & Windsor S.  
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 Lusk Jonathan T.  
 Lusk Elias  
 Lusk Lyman  
 Lusk Josiah W.  
 Lusk Henry S.  
 Lusk Albert  
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 Lusk David  
 Lusk Isaac  
 Lusk Gilman  
 Lusk Calvin  
 Lusk Otis  
 Lusk Samuel  
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 Lusk Otis A.  
 Lusk Solomon  
 Lusk Rufus  
 Lusk Charles B.  
 Lusk George  
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 Hebard Eli B.  
 Hayward Joseph E.  
 Hayward Benjamin  
 Hamblett William  
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 Huth Alfred  
 Hayward Paul R.  
 Hodgman Noah  
 Johnson Horace  
 Johnson John W.  
 Jones Charles B.  
 Jones Joseph Y.  
 Kingston John  
 Kittredge James  
 Kittredge George  
 Kittredge Eli B.  
 Kinney John  
 Kinney George  
 Kinney William H.  
 Kendrick Daniel H.  
 Keyes Marcus  
 Kelley Jacob  
 Kelley Edward  
 Larcom Jonathan  
 Lankin Havilla  
 Lankin Rufus  
 Lindsay Nathan  
 Lindsay Benjamin  
 Langley Silas B.  
 Marshall John H.  
 Marshall George  
 Marshall Benj. P.  
 Mansfield Paul  
 Mansfield Jeremiah C.



Mansfield Leonard J.  
 Mansfield Asaph  
 Miller Samuel  
 Murdock Saml. G.  
 Munge Harvey  
 Merrick Joseph  
 Mack Charles E.  
 Moore Ephraim S.  
 Mullikin John  
 Mc Ganthlia Miriam  
 Mc Intire Warren  
 Mc Intire Amos M.  
 McKee William  
 Nesmith Jacob. A.  
 Noyes Samuel  
 Nichols Rodney  
 Obeas Thos. W.  
 Obeas Oliver  
 Owen Ora  
 Page Hector M.  
 Page Geo. H.  
 Parkhurst Benj. S.  
 Parkhurst Sewall  
 Parkhurst John 2<sup>d</sup>  
 Parkhurst Jacob S.  
 Pike James Jr.  
 Pierce Joseph B.  
 Pinn Milo  
 Proctor Rufus  
 Proctor Charles  
 Proctor Alfred  
 Proctor Henry B.  
 Perham Peter P.  
 Perham Samuel P.  
 Perry Wm H.  
 Parker Artemas Jr.  
 Parker Charles  
 Parker Henry

Parkman John S.  
 Pollard Dawson  
 Paine Henry M.  
 Perkins Israel  
 Richardson Josiah  
 Richardson Elijah R.  
 Rowe Franklin  
 Robbin James  
 Rowell Edmund  
 Shepard Alfred  
 Shepard Alexander W.  
 Shed John S.  
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 Spalding Varnum  
 Spalding Shubiah Jr.  
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 Shores Lustin W.  
 Shores John S.  
 Southland Henry  
 Sweet William  
 Sweet David  
 Sweet Charles

Sanborn John M.  
 Sanborn Leonard P.  
 Sanborn Joseph S.  
 Saunders Thomas  
 Stocker Samuel  
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 Spalding Paul  
 Sumner John  
 Towne John  
 Towne Matthew T.  
 Tarlton Geo. W.  
 Tappan Philip  
 Tupper Nathan  
 Tupper Wm.  
 Tupper Samuel  
 Tupper L. C.  
 Turner Joseph G.  
 Thomas Elihu  
 Upham Ezra S.  
 Upham Clement  
 Woodward Ephraim W.  
 Woodward Geo. W.  
 Wiggins Louie  
 Wiggins Nathaniel  
 Wiggins John W.  
 Wentworth E. L. W.  
 Winthrop Thomas S.  
 Weaver Charles  
 Wright Geo. S.  
 Wright Calvin S.  
 Williamson Charles P.  
 Wright Gilbert  
 Wells David H.  
 Wells Aaron C.

Walker Benjamin  
 Whipple Stephen  
 Watson Jones M.  
 White Geo. W.  
 White Simon  
 Withers Simon  
 Waters Saml. L.  
 Whittmore James  
 Woods Isaac  
 Worden Allen  
 Ward Lafayette  
 Warren Edwin H.  
 Warren Joseph  
 Wait James C.  
 Wyman Josiah R.

Hole No. Enrolled 277 -  
 Returned to the Adjutant  
 General's office June 16/45

Recorded by  
 C. F. Webster Town  
 Clerk



Election of Register of Deeds, 2d. Oct. 45

Warrant

Middlesex County of the Constables of the Town of  
Chilmark

Whereas all persons are required to attend the  
elections of the Town of Chilmark and that  
the Town is now again, to meet at the Town Hall  
the sixth day of October next at one of the  
clock in the afternoon to act on the following  
business

- 1 To Choose a Moderator
  - 2 To bring in their votes for a "Register of Deeds for  
said County of Middlesex, for the residue of the Term  
for which H<sup>on</sup> J. Stone Esq. was elected to that office  
& until another shall be chosen & qualified in his stead  
unless he shall within that time be removed as provided  
by Law.
  - 3 To hear the Report of the Selectmen & the  
causing out of a town was as Petitioned &  
the said Selectmen & the Town
- And of further act, and matter  
of the said Town of Chilmark, and to  
the said Clerk of the said Town, and to  
the said Selectmen & the said Town  
the day of September 2d. 1845 -

Attest  
J. B. Chilmark

And I, the undersigned, within the warrant be  
posting up attested copies of the same at each of  
the public meeting houses, also at St. Barth's  
Tavern in said Town two Sabbaths before the  
time of holding this meeting.

Fredrick W. Blodgett, Constable  
of Chilmark

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk

A meeting of the legal voters in the Town of Chelsea  
was held in pursuance of a requisition  
of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Middlesex  
held on Monday the sixth day of October in the  
evening between eight hundred & forty five at one of the  
Clock in the afternoon for the purpose (as expressed  
in the warrant for calling said meeting) of electing a  
Register of Deeds for said County for the residue  
of the term for which Wm T. Stone Esq was elected  
& that Officer & until another shall be chosen & qualified  
in his stead, unless he shall within that time be removed  
as provided by Law.

Then Joseph Parker Moderator

The Ball were then opened and after continuing thus  
open over two hours they were then closed  
and the votes sorted, counted, recorded and  
declaration thereof made & were as follows

|                            |     |             |       |
|----------------------------|-----|-------------|-------|
| Stephen S. Patch of Lowell | had | twenty nine | votes |
| Franklin Moore of Concord  | had | sixteen     | votes |
| Walter Hayden              | had | one         | vote  |

Votes to take up the 3rd article in the warrant  
voted to dismiss the said article  
Voted to dissolve the meeting  
Joseph Parker Moderator

Resolved by J. H. Foster Town Clerk



Annual Election Nov. 10. 1845

Middlesex } (To either of the Constables of  
Town of Chatham - ye  
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
do hereby require & notify & command the  
electors of said town of Chatham to assemble & vote in  
elections to meet in the town hall in said town  
on Monday the tenth day of November next  
(being the second Monday in said month) at  
ten o'clock before noon - To bring in their votes for  
Governor & Lieutenant Governor of this Commonwealth  
& for six Senators for the district of Middlesex  
in which said town is situated - & to give their vote for a  
Representation to represent the Town in the General  
Court to be holden in Boston on the first Wednesday  
of January next, and also, To bring in their votes  
for a County Commissioner for the County of Mid-  
dlessex for the residue of the term for which  
Timothy Tilton Esq. was elected to that  
office - And you are likewise required  
& notified the legal voters & electors to meet  
at the place & on the day aforesaid at ten o'clock  
before noon, To bring in their votes  
for a Register of Deeds for said County  
for the residue of the term for which  
H. Stone Esq. was elected to that office -  
The Polls for all the above offices to be  
opened at 10 O'clock & will  
& you are likewise required to  
notify the Inhabitants of said town qualified  
to vote in town affairs to meet at the same  
place on or on the same day, at One o'clock  
P.M. to act on the following articles to-wit:  
1 To Choose a Moderator  
2 To hear the Report of the Selectmen on  
the laying out of a town way on the petition  
of Francis Richardson & act thereon  
Hereof fail not, & make due return of  
this warrant with your doings thereon to me  
or my clerks at or before the time of holding said

175 Annual Election Nov. 10. 1845

Given under our hands & seals  
on Twenty fifth day of October A.D. 1845

E. F. Webster & Selectmen  
Joshua Parker } of  
Chilmark } Chilmark

Chilmark Nov. 1. 1845

have served the within warrant by  
posting it to town & attested copies thereof at  
each of the public meeting houses & at the town  
kept by Arnold Burdett all in said Town, so  
that the same may stand open to the view of  
the people of said town.

Nathan R. Doremus  
Constable of Chilmark

Pursuant to the above warrant the legally  
qualified voters met at the town hall on  
Monday the 10-day of Nov. 1845 & the following  
proceeding, were had to wit

Voted to send one Representative to the General Court  
Voted to bring in their votes for Gov. Lieut Gov. Senators  
County Commissioners & Register of Deeds  
all on one ballot

Opened the Polls for all the above & also for a  
Town Representation at 10 O'clock as  
specified in the warrant

Closed the Polls for Town Representation at 3 O'clock  
P.M. & there being no choice

Voted not to send a Representative this year

Closed the Polls for Gov. Lieut Gov. Senators  
County Commissioners & Register of  
Deeds at 4 O'clock & declared the votes  
for each. for which see next page & on

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk



Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the  
 Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex  
 and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by  
 the Constitution to hold a town meeting, held  
 on the tenth day of November, 1845, at  
 ten o'clock of said day, in the Town Hall  
 to our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
 forty five, for the purpose of electing a  
 Governor & Lieutenant Governor of said Com-  
 monwealth. The whole number of persons who  
 gave in their votes was ascertained as is directed  
 in the Revised Statutes, Chap. 11 Sec. 13, by  
 counting the whole number of separate Ballots  
 given in; and the whole number was two  
 hundred & sixty nine  
 and the whole number of votes given in  
 Governor was sorted, counted & recorded, and  
 declaration thereof made as by the Constitution  
 is directed; and said votes were for the following  
 persons to wit:—

Isaac Davis - one hundred & thirty eight  
 George N. Briggs - one hundred & twenty seven  
 Samuel E. Sewall - four

E. F. Webster  
 Jephthah Parker  
 E. S. Reed

for Governor

195 Election of Lieut. Gov. in 1845

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town  
 of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and  
 Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the  
 Constitution of said Commonwealth, on the  
 tenth day of November, being the  
 second Monday of said Month, in the year of  
 our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty five,  
 for the purpose of giving in their votes for Lieut. Gov.  
 of said Commonwealth, the  
 whole number of persons who gave in their votes was  
 ascertained according to the provisions of the Statutes  
 Chapter 24, Sec. 3 of the same, and the whole number  
 of separate ballots given in, and the whole num-  
 ber of ballots was two hundred sixty nine  
 and the whole number of votes  
 given in for Lieutenant Governor was sorted,  
 counted & recorded, and a declaration thereof made  
 as by the Constitution is directed, and said  
 votes were for the following persons: (viz):—

George Savary— one hundred & thirty eight  
 John Reed— one hundred & twenty seven  
 John M. Brewster four

E. F. Webster  
 Joseph Parker  
 E. G. Reed

For Lieut. Gov.



Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the  
 Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex  
 and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by  
 the Constitution to vote for Senators, holden on the  
 tenth day of November, being the second Monday  
 of said month, in the year of our Lord one  
 thousand eight hundred & forty five for the  
 purpose of giving in their votes for Senators for  
 the district of Middlesex the whole number  
 of persons who gave in their votes was ascertained  
 as is directed in the Revised Statute (Chap. 4, sec.  
 13) by counting the number of separate tickets given  
 in and the whole number of ballots was Two  
 hundred sixty seven

and the whole number of votes was sorted, counted  
 and recorded and declaration thereof made  
 as by the Constitution is directed; and said votes  
 were for the following persons: vid:—

|                  |   |                            |                                                |
|------------------|---|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Joseph Fuller    | - | one hundred & thirty eight |                                                |
| Benjamin Muzzy   | - | one hundred & thirty eight |                                                |
| Wm E. Parmenter  | - | one hundred & thirty eight |                                                |
| Geo. W. Dyke     | - | one hundred & thirty eight |                                                |
| Bradford Russell | - | one hundred & thirty eight |                                                |
| Alpheus R. Brown | - | one hundred & thirty eight |                                                |
| James P. Whitney | - | one hundred & twenty four  |                                                |
| Isaac Johnson    | - | one hundred & twenty four  |                                                |
| E. Rockwood Hoar | - | one hundred & twenty four  |                                                |
| Eli Kim          | - | one hundred & twenty four  |                                                |
| Alfred Allen     | - | one hundred & twenty four  |                                                |
| Thomas Emerson   | - | one hundred & twenty four  |                                                |
| Charles Foster   | - | five                       |                                                |
| J. T. Woodbury   | - | five                       |                                                |
| James Kimball    | - | five                       | E. F. Webster<br>Jephthah Parker<br>C. S. Reed |
| David Goodale    | - | five                       |                                                |
| Andrew T. Nute   | - | five                       |                                                |
| Amos B. Merrill  | - | five                       |                                                |

## County Commissioners 1845

## County Commissioners Nov. 10. 1845

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of - Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex qual<sup>d</sup> to vote for Representatives in the General Court holden on Monday the tenth day of November A.D. 1845, to give in their written ballots for a County Commissioner for said County for the residue of the term for which Lemuel H. Titus, Esq. was elected & that officer: - The whole number of ballots was two hundred & sixty eight

Anthony Wright had one hundred & thirty eight  
 Ebenezer Barker had one hundred & twenty six  
 Clark Bennett - four

E. F. Webster  
 Japheth Barker  
 E. G. Reed



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Voters for Register of Deeds. Nov. 10. 1845

At a meeting of the Legal Voters in the Town of  
Chelmsford duly warned, in pursuance of a requisition  
of the County Commissioners for the County of Middlesex  
held on Monday the tenth day of November  
in the year eighteen hundred & forty five at ten  
of the clock in the forenoon for the purpose and to the  
in the warrant of electing a Register of Deeds for  
said County for the residue of the term for which  
H<sup>on</sup> F. Stone Esq<sup>r</sup>, the former Register was elected  
& until another shall be chosen & qualified in his  
stead A full no of votes two hundred & sixty  
Six

Ephraim B. Patch had one hundred & thirty eight

Reuben C. Moore one hundred & ~~thirty~~ <sup>eight</sup> votes  
Ephraim F. Stone fifteen votes  
Tham W. Beard — one  
J. W. Alden — four votes

E. F. Webster  
J. Parker  
C. F. Reed

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Thompson held on the Tenth day of Nov. 1845 for the purpose of choosing a Representative to represent them in the General Court to be holden in Boston on the first Wednesday of January next the whole number of persons who gave in their votes was ascertained as is directed in the Revised Statutes (Chap. 4 Sec. 13) by counting the whole number of separate ballots given in & the whole number was 264 -

The whole being sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made were as follows

Lehman Parker had 121

E. G. Reed " 101

Joseph Read Esq. " 18

Joseph Manning " 10

Isa Hodgman 2<sup>d</sup> 7

Saml. P. Hadley " 6

Isaac Crooker " 1

One hundred and  
sixty three votes being necessary for a choice  
& no one had that no.

Voted Not to send any Representative

Recorded by

E. F. Weston Town Clerk



Pursuant to the warrant the inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford qualified to vote in town affairs met at the Town Hall on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of Nov. A.D. 1845 at One of the Clock O'ell and proceeded as follows to wit:—

Chose E. F. Weston Moderator

Heard the Report of the Selectmen on the carrying out of a Road Petitioned for by Francis Richardson

Voted to accept the Report

Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to pay Mr Isaac Carlton the sum of ten dollars to remunerate him for his services in apprehending Austin Looney for damaging the Grave Stones in the North Burying Ground

Voted to dismiss the Meeting

E. F. Weston Moderator

Recorded by E. F. Weston Town Clerk

For the Report see Book of Roads page 108

## Warrant

Middlesex & The either of the Constables of the Town  
of Chelmsford - Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you  
are hereby required to notify & warn the Inhabitants  
of the Town of Chelmsford legally qualified to vote in  
elections to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday  
the eighth day of December next at one of the Clock  
in the afternoon - To bring in their votes for a Register of  
Deeds for the County of Middlesex, for the residue of the  
term for which Wm F. Stone the former Register was  
elected & until another shall be chosen & qualified in  
his stead

Hereof fail not, & make due return of this  
warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk  
on or before the time of holding said Meeting

Given under our Hands & Seals this twenty  
sixth day of November in the year eighteen hundred  
& forty five

E. F. Webster } Selectman of  
E. G. Reed } Chelmsford

Middlesex & Chelmsford Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> 1845 - I have  
served the within warrant by posting  
up attested copies of the same at each of the public  
Meeting Houses also at S. Burth's Tavern in said Town  
two Sabbaths before the time of holding this meeting

Frederic M. Blodgett

Constable of Chelmsford



Town of Chelmsford Dec. 2. 1855. Pursuant to the  
warrant the legal voters of said Town met at  
the town Hall & proceeded as follows to vote

Chose E. F. Webster Moderator

Opened the Polls for the choice of a Register of  
Deeds & after keeping them open an hour &  
one half hours, the Polls were closed and the  
votes sorted, counted, recorded & declared & were  
as follows viz:-

|                  |     |             |       |
|------------------|-----|-------------|-------|
| Ephraim B. Patch | had | thirty five | votes |
| Ithamar A. Beard | "   | seven       | "     |
| Reuben Moore     | "   | two         | "     |
| Caleb Hayden     | "   | one         | "     |

E. F. Webster Moderator

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk

## Warrant

Widdoway, Esq. of the Constable of the Town  
of Chelmsford - Greeting -

(L.S.) In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
(L.S.) you are hereby required to notify & warn the Inhabitants  
of the Town of Chelmsford qualified to vote in Elections  
to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the  
fifth day of January next at one of the Clock P.M.  
to give in their votes for a Register of Deeds for  
the County of Middlesex for the residue of the term  
for which Wm F. Stone Esq. was elected & until  
another shall be chosen & qualified in his stead -

Hereof fail not, and make due return of  
this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town  
Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting

Given under our hands & seals this twentyfifth  
day of December in the year eighteen hundred &  
forty five

E. F. Webster } Selectman of  
Leopold Parker } Chelmsford

Middlesex ss. I have served the within by posting up  
true & attested copies thereof at each of the public  
meeting houses & at the Town of Somers Butte  
all in said town so that the same might stand  
two sabbaths before the time of holding said  
meeting

Nathan P. Johnson. Constable  
of Chelmsford



Election of Register of Deeds Jan 5-1840 (21)

Pursuant to the order & the legal notice of the  
Town of Chelmsford and at the Town Hall in said  
Town on Monday the 5th day of Jan 1840, a day  
& where the following proceedings were had to wit:-  
Chose E. F. Weston Moderator

The Polls were opened at 35 minutes past one o'clock  
P.M. & after standing open the legal time they  
were closed & the votes sorted, counted, recorded &  
declared & were as follows viz. Whole no. of  
votes 63.

Ephraim B. Patch had thirty eight votes  
Nathl. R. Whitney had twenty five votes

Voted To dismiss the meeting

E. F. Weston Moderator

Recorded by E. F. Weston Town Clerk

208 March Meeting 1846 -  
Dunbar

Widdowells Association of the Constables of the Town  
of Chelmsford - directing

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
you are hereby required to notify & warn the Inhabitants  
of the Town of Chelmsford qualified to vote in town affairs  
to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the second  
day of March next at 9 O'clock in the forenoon to act on  
the following articles to wit -

- 1 - To choose a Moderator
  - 2 - To choose all necessary Town officers for the year  
incoming
  - 3 - To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer &  
for a Register of Deeds for the County of Middlebury
  - 4 - To hear the Report of the Overseers of the Poor, the  
Committee to settle with the Treasurer and any other  
Committees which may have been appointed, & act thereon,
  - 5 - To see in what manner the Town will repair the  
Highways, Townways, & Bridges the ensuing year  
& make appropriations for the same.
  - 6 - To raise & appropriate such sums of money as may  
be necessary for the support of Schools, the Poor,  
and for other Town charges.
  - 7 - To make provision for the Collection of the Taxes  
& fix the time for the payment thereof.
  - 8 - To hear the Report of the Selectmen on the laying  
out of a road as petitioned for by Thos. D. Osgood  
& act thereon.
  - 9 - At the Request of Thos. D. Osgood & others To see  
if the town will widen the road at & near Ridge  
Hill or act thereon.
  - 10 - To see if the Town will take measures to  
dispose of the Pest House or act thereon.
- Hereof fail not, & make return  
of this warrant with you doing thereon to  
the Town Clerk at or before the time of  
holding said Meeting.

Given under our hands & seals this



Annual Town Meeting (cont'd) 29 } 209  
1846 }

19<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year 1846,

E. F. Webster } Selectmen  
Leptah Parker } of  
E. G. Reed } Chelmsford

Middlesex,

I have served the within by posting  
up true & attested copies thereof at each of the public  
Meeting Houses & at the Tavern of Arnold Burtt  
all in said town so that the same might stand  
two Sabbath previous to the holding of said Meeting

Feby 25. 1846 S. P. Sadnum, Constable of  
Chelmsford

### Proceeding of the Meeting,

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants  
of said Town qualified to vote in Town affairs  
met at the Town Hall March 2. 1846 and  
proceeded as follows to wit:

Chose Leptah Parker Moderator  
Chose E. F. Webster Clerk. The votes were, for  
E. F. Webster 104 - for Saml. S. Parkhurst 20

Chose E. F. Webster, E. G. Reed & Owen Emerson  
Selectmen & Assessors - E. F. Webster &  
E. G. Reed had 107 votes each Owen Emerson 105  
Scattering 10

Chose Rev. B. F. Clark, E. F. Webster & L. N. B. Edwards,  
School Committee - unanimously

Chose Asa Hadgeran 2<sup>d</sup> Mayor Joseph Manning  
& Shunkiah Spalding jr. Owners of the  
Poor & the House a reading vote not }  
constituted

Chose Joseph Manning Town Treasurer  
Chose Nathan P. Sadnum & Frederic W. Blodgett  
Constables

Voted to adjourn for 30 minutes

and according to adjournment

Voted To choose 7 free assessors

Chose Charles P. Jones, - Stephen Bowers, Joseph Rud  
 & Marcus D. Byam - Eldridge Sutton, Francis  
 Richardson & Benjamin R. Marshall field  
 assessors

Voted To choose 6 fence viewers.

Chose Joseph Bowers, Joseph E. Heywood, W<sup>m</sup> R. Cushman  
 Daniel Proctor, Ira Hodgman 2<sup>d</sup> & Lucie Otis  
 & Adams - fence viewers - J. E. Heywood declined

Voted To choose 11 Surveyors of Highways

Chose Simon B. Proctor, Ezra S. Lippman, Charles  
 Adams, Thomas Marshall, Ira Hodgman 2<sup>d</sup>  
 Thomas Moore, Jacob B. Wright Benjamin J.  
 Allen & W<sup>m</sup> R. Cushman & Otis Howard  
 Surveyors of Highways

Voted To choose 14 Surveyors of Lumber

Chose Charles Proctor - Isaac Crooker - Stephen  
 Bowers - Eli P. Parker Dawson Pollard  
 Charles Blood - Joseph Adams, S. P. Hadley  
 W<sup>m</sup> Sweet - Sprake Livingston - Jonathan  
 Loomis - Henry Byam - George Haslow &  
 Frederic J. Sawyer - surveyors of Lumber

Voted To choose 14 Surveyors of Wood & Bark

Chose Eben Adams, Eli P. Parker - Stephen Bowers  
 S. S. Parkhurst - S. P. Hadley - W<sup>m</sup> Sweet, James  
 Whittmore, Joseph Adams, George Haslow  
 Geo. W. Woodward - Thomas Marshall, Leonard C.  
 Sumner & Stephen Spalding & Frederic J. Sawyer

Voted To choose 4 weighers of Hay

Chose Arnold Hunt, F. H. Lynde, J. M. Smith  
 & Simon B. Proctor

Voted To take up the 4<sup>th</sup> article in the warrant

Heard The Report of the Overseers of the Poor

Voted To accept the Report

Voted To raise 600. dollars for the Support of the Poor

Voted To reconsider the vote accepting the Report of the Overseers  
 of the Poor

Voted To recommend the Report with instruction to allow W<sup>m</sup>  
 Charles extra compensation on account of taking care  
 of the Litter



Voted That the assessors provide a suitable building for the insane

Heard The Report of the Committee to settle with the Treasurer  
Voted to accept the Report

Voted To accept the Report of the Assessors of the Poor as amended - giving H<sup>d</sup> Charles 25 dollars extra

Closed the Polls for Register of Deeds & County Treasurer  
The votes for Register of Deeds were -

For E. B. Palt 102, Nathaniel R. Whitney 14 &  
Dr. J. C. Bartlett 1

The votes for County Treasurer were -  
For Stephen Buttrick 124, J. S. Rogers 12, James Carter

Voted to raise \$1500, for the support of Schools  
Voted To leave 200 dollars of the School money at the discretion of the Selectmen to be divided among the small districts

Voted To raise \$1500.00 for incidental Charges  
Voted To raise 700 dollars for Roads

Voted That the Collection of the Taxes be let out at auction immediately to the lowest bidder

Voted That all the taxes be collected & paid into the Treasury on or before the Friday preceding the first Monday of March next, and that the Collector receive nothing for collecting what shall remain uncollected on that day & shall pay interest on all moneys due the Treasurer at that time

The Collection of Taxes was then set up & bid off by Solomon E. Bryant at 1<sup>st</sup> & 9 mills on the dollar

Now Joseph Parker Collector at 2<sup>nd</sup> on the dollar  
Voted To refer the laying out of the road Petitioned for

By the Town Road to a committee of three  
Chose Otis Adams, Ira Hodgman 2<sup>d</sup> & Geo. Hartwell

Said Committee  
Voted To refer the 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> articles to the Selectmen

Voted To Choose a Committee to settle with the Treasurer  
Chose Otis Adams, Ira Hodgman 2<sup>d</sup> & Owen Emerson

Chose Stephen Spalding, Daniel Parker & Joseph Wampanji  
a Committee to appraise the Property of the Almshouse

Voted To dissolve the meeting  
J. Parker Moderator

J. H. Webster Town Clerk Sworn by C. Abbott Esq. March 4  
 Selectmen J. H. Webster Sworn March 4 - 1846 by C. Abbott Esq.  
 x { E. G. Reed " " 27 "  
 { John Emerson " " " " by Clerk  
 { John B. Feltlock  
 School { J. H. Webster  
 Committee { S. A. B. Edgerly

Joseph Manning Town Treasurer

Constables { V. P. Ladman } Sworn March 3 - 1846  
 { Fredrick W. Blodgett } " " 2. 1846  
 { Asa Hodgman 2 } Overseer of the  
 { Joseph Manning } Poor &  
 { Thos. H. Spalding } Limb house

Field Drivers

{ Charles R. Jones }  
 { Alpheus Bowers }  
 { Joseph Reed }  
 { Marcus D. Bryan }  
 { Elbridge Sutton }  
 { Francis Richardson }  
 { Benj. R. Marshall }  
 { Joseph Brown }

Fence Viewers { Wm. K. Cochran } Sworn March 2. 1846  
 { Daniel Proctor } " " " "  
 { Asa Hodgman 2d } " " " "  
 { Otis Adams } " " " "

Surveyors of Highways

{ Simon B. Proctor }  
 { Ezra S. Upham } " " 13  
 { Charles C. Adams } " " 3d  
 { Thos. Marshall } " " 2d  
 { John Farrar } " " " "  
 { Asa Hodgman 2d } " " " "  
 { Thomas Moore } " " " "  
 { Solomon A. Bryan } " " " "  
 { John K. Cochran } " " " "  
 { Otis Howard } " " " "  
 { Asa Bowers }

May 2



Surveyors of  
Town

|                   |   |                     |
|-------------------|---|---------------------|
| Charles Proctor   | } | Sworn May 9 - 1846  |
| Isaac Crooker     |   |                     |
| Stephen Bowen     | } | Sworn March 4. 1846 |
| Eli P. Parker     |   |                     |
| Dawson Pollard    | } |                     |
| Charles Blood     |   |                     |
| Joseph Adams      | } | Nov 9. 1846         |
| S. P. Hadley      |   |                     |
| Wm. Swift         | } |                     |
| Sprake Livingston |   |                     |
| Jonathan Larcom   | } |                     |
| Henry Bryan       |   |                     |
| George Harlow     | } |                     |
| Fred & T. Sawyer  |   |                     |

Measurers of Wood  
and Bark

|                    |   |                     |
|--------------------|---|---------------------|
| Edwin Adams        | } |                     |
| E. P. Parker       |   |                     |
| Stephen Bowers     | } | Sworn March 4. 1846 |
| S. S. Parkhurst    |   |                     |
| S. P. Hadley       | } | Nov 9. 1846         |
| Wm. Swift          |   |                     |
| James Whittemore   | } |                     |
| Joseph Adams       |   |                     |
| George Harlow      | } |                     |
| Geo. W. Woodward   |   |                     |
| Thomas Marshall    | } |                     |
| Leonard C. Sanborn |   |                     |
| Stephen Spalding   | } |                     |
| Fredrick T. Sawyer |   |                     |

Mayors of  
Haverhill

|                   |   |                      |
|-------------------|---|----------------------|
| Arnold Burt       | } | Sworn March 13. 1846 |
| Freeman H. Myrick |   |                      |
| J. W. Smith       | } | Sworn March 7. 1846  |
| Simon B. Proctor  |   |                      |

# 214 Settlement with the Treasurer

The Committee that was chosen at the last March Meeting to make the annual Settlement with the Town Treasurer for the year ending March 1-1846. having attended to that duty Report as follows viz:-

|                                                        |   |            |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---|------------|
| The Treasurer Charges himself with balance             | } | \$ 193.32  |
| in his hands at the last annual Settlement             |   |            |
| Cash Received for the Croasby farm                     |   | 622.00     |
| " " of Rufus Byrum & J. Parker Collection              | } | 3512.62    |
| for 1845                                               |   |            |
| " " of Dea Amos Byrum for arrearages on the            | } | 115.42     |
| Collection of taxes for A.D. 1844                      |   |            |
| " " of Willard Reed Collector for A.D. 1843            |   | 163.25     |
| " " of Joseph Warren Treasurer of First Congregational | } | 2.58       |
| Society & of S. F. Wilbur Esq. for use of Town Hall    |   |            |
| " " of Wm. Burrows Highway Surveyor for 1844           |   | 31         |
| " " of State Treasurer for School fund                 |   | 71.77      |
| " " " " for Support of State Paupers                   |   | 5.39       |
| Amounting to                                           |   | \$ 4686.66 |

And is Credited

|                                 |               |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| By Cash paid Sundry town Orders | 4425.29       |
| " Cash on hand                  | <u>261.37</u> |
| Amounting to                    | \$ 4686.66    |

All which is respectfully submitted

By Olin Adams  
Asa Hodgman  
Owen Emerson } Committee

Approved to

By Joseph Manning, Treasurer  
Filed 28 }  
1846 }

The Committee would also Report that they have endeavored to investigate the amount of what the town are indebted over & above what is due to the Town -

|                                               |   |            |
|-----------------------------------------------|---|------------|
| There are orders against the town on interest | } | 1952.00    |
| amounting to                                  |   |            |
| Interest on the same                          |   | 100.62     |
| orders not on interest                        |   | 56.67      |
| Bills against the town estimated              |   | 50.00      |
|                                               |   | \$ 2158.29 |



There is in the hands of the Treasurer 261.37

Leaving a balance against the town of \$1896.92

Respectfully Submitted

By Otis Adams  
Ara Hodgman<sup>2d</sup>  
Owen Emerson } Committee

Feb 28-1846

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk

Report of the Overseers of the Poor

Expenses of Supporting the Poor for the year ending  
March 1- 1846 - \$

|                                     |               |        |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|--------|
| Remind of Town Treasurer            | 500.00        |        |
| Proceeds of Almshouse Establishment | <u>224.00</u> | 724.00 |

|                                  |             |                  |
|----------------------------------|-------------|------------------|
| Cash on hand                     | 1.40        |                  |
| Due from State Lunatic Hospital  | , 67        |                  |
| " " Abel Spalding                | , 87        |                  |
| " " State for Support of Paupers | <u>8.75</u> |                  |
|                                  |             | 11.69            |
|                                  |             | <u>\$ 735.69</u> |

|                               |       |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| Cash paid Joseph Adams        | 10.66 |
| " " E. Abraham Adams          | 10.00 |
| " " C. & A. Proctor           | 9.25  |
| " " Charles Proctor           | 1.45  |
| " " N. B. Dodson              | 6.93  |
| " " Dr. P. Kittredge's Estate | 6.00  |
| " " Dr. F. M. Kittredge       | 7.87  |
| " " Stephen Pierce            | 5.83  |
| " " Ara Hodgman <sup>2d</sup> | 11.29 |
| " " Shemiah Spalding Jr       | 12.00 |
| " " Joseph Manning            | 1.82  |
| " " Wm. S. Fisher             | 2.26  |
| " " H. Parkhurst for Horse    | 30.00 |
| " " For 2 Heifers             | 25.00 |
| " " For 1 Cow                 | 15.00 |

over





# Appraisal of Property at the Almshouse 219 and Farm

The subscribers a Committee appointed by the Town of Chelmsford at their annual Meeting in March 1843 for the purpose of appraising the Personal Property at the Town Poor Farm, have attended to that service and present the following statement of said Property viz:

|                                          |          |                                     |          |
|------------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------|----------|
| One yoke of Oxen valued at               | \$85.00  | Amount brought up                   | \$725.98 |
| 4 Cows & 1 Heifer with calf              | 130.00   | 1 Draw Harness                      | 3.30     |
| 2 Farrow Cows                            | 24.00    | 1 Horse wagon Harness               | 7.00     |
| 1 Horse                                  | 50.00    | 1 " " "                             | 55.00    |
| 3 Swine                                  | 33.75    | 1 Sleigh & Bells                    | 3.00     |
| 14 Fowls                                 | 4.20     | 5 Iron Shovels                      | 1.30     |
| Amount of Stock                          | \$326.95 | 1 Wheel Barrow                      | 1.00     |
| 3 1/2 Tons O. Hay                        | 99.00    | 2 Iron Bars                         | 2.30     |
| 1 " Stock "                              | 9.00     | 1 Broad Saw                         | .50      |
| 7 Cwt. Straw & Husks                     | 3.15     | 2 Hand saws                         | .75      |
| 7 Bushels Oats                           | 3.30     | 5 Axes                              | 1.75     |
| 2 " Corn                                 | 1.80     | 1 Butte & wedge                     | .75      |
| 4 1/2 " Barley                           | 3.38     | 3 Broad Hoes                        | .50      |
| Seed Corn                                | 1.50     | 2 Narrow Hoes & 1 Grate             | 1.00     |
| Amount of grain                          | \$121.33 | 3 " " " "                           | 1.00     |
| 19 Cords of wood mostly cut for the fire | 57.00    | 4 Draw Chains                       | 4.50     |
| 2 Bush. White Beans                      | 3.30     | Horn fetters                        | .50      |
| 197 lbs Ham                              | 17.70    | 3 Augers & Drawing Knives           | } 2.50   |
| 300 lbs Salt Pork                        | 27.00    | 2 Chisels, 3 Seckels & 1 Hay puller |          |
| 200 " " Beef                             | 11.00    | 1 Claw Hammer & Pincers             | 1.00     |
| 170 Bush. Potatoes                       | 27.50    | 3 Cast Iron Ploughs                 | 15.00    |
| 1 1/2 " Onions                           | .60      | 2 Ox Chaises                        | .25      |
| 1 1/2 Bbls Salted Cucumbers              | 8.00     | 2 Ladders                           | .75      |
| 70 lbs Cheese                            | 4.90     | 1 Ox Cart                           | 15.00    |
| 25 lbs Dried Apple                       | 1.30     | 1 Harrow                            | 4.00     |
| 7/8 Bbl. Flax                            | 6.00     | 1 Hay Wagon                         | 4.00     |
| 60 lbs Lard                              | 6.00     | 1 Ox Drag                           | 1.00     |
| 4 lbs Tea                                | 1.00     | 1 Ox Sled                           | 2.00     |
| Amount of Eatables                       | \$214.70 | 5 Bbls Cider                        | 10.00    |
| 6 Hay forks                              | 2.50     | 8 Cider Bbls                        | 2.67     |
| 5 " Rakes                                | .50      | 1 Scalding Tub                      | .37      |
| 2 Ox Yokes                               | 3.00     | 3 Hhds                              | 2.00     |
|                                          |          | 2 Scythe Smiths                     | 1.00     |

|                             |      |                                  |       |
|-----------------------------|------|----------------------------------|-------|
| Grand Store                 | 3.75 | Looking Glass                    | 12.00 |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> Boards     | 2.00 | 1 English Stand                  | .30   |
| 6 Meat Tubs                 | 3.00 | 20 Dry Pans                      | 1.10  |
| 1 Blk. Sand                 | 1.00 | 3 Iron Stove                     | 12.00 |
| Soap Grease                 | 3.00 | 1 Box                            | 1.00  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Candles     | .70  | 4 Flat Irons                     | 1.33  |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Tallow     | 1.00 | 1 Bed Pan                        | 1.00  |
| 1 Malaga Reg                | .50  | 1 Warming Pan                    | 1.00  |
| 1 Blk. & 3 galls Malaga     | 1.00 | 5 Iron Fire Setts                | 2.50  |
| 1 Blk. In full of vinegar   | 2.00 | 10 Boxes                         | 1.30  |
| 1 Churn                     | 3.50 | 7 Firkins                        | 1.17  |
| 2 Soap Tubs                 | 4.00 | 5 Iron                           | 1.25  |
| 2 Soap Tubs                 | .67  | 1 Churn Pan                      | 1.50  |
| 25 Iron Pans                | 3.00 | 1 Basket                         | .40   |
| 12 Earthen                  | .96  | 1 Basket                         | .30   |
| 2 Milk Cans                 | 1.00 | 26 Knives & forks                | 2.30  |
| 2 Strainer Pails            | .75  | 17 Chests & 4 Bunks              | 18.00 |
| 35 Pans tin ware            | 3.50 | 1 Dish Tub                       | .33   |
| 4 Kettles 3 Bp & 1 Iron     | 5.00 | 1 Map Handle                     | .33   |
| Crockery & Glassware        | 3.50 | 1/4 Gross Triton Matches         | .25   |
| 1 Clock                     | 3.00 | 2 Toasters                       | .50   |
| 1 Glass Lantern             | .40  | 20 Tea Spoons                    | .50   |
| 6 Earthen Pots              | .48  | 2 Table Spoons                   | .15   |
| 3 Water Pails               | .38  | 17 Beds & Strads                 | 65.00 |
| 3 Bp Candelsticks           | 1.50 | 22 <sup>in</sup> Sheets          | 11.00 |
| 1 Set of Measurs            | .50  | 26 <sup>in</sup> Pillow Cases    | 4.33  |
| 2 Set of Bushels            | .25  | 3 <sup>in</sup> Woollen Blankets | 5.50  |
| 3 Spiders & 2 Girdles       | 1.75 | 16 Cornfasters                   | 16.00 |
| 6 Iron Pots                 | 2.00 | 17 Quilts                        | 18.00 |
| 2 Iron Tea Kettles          | .50  | 5 Towels                         | .50   |
| 1 Cabinet Chair             | 2.00 | 2 Oil Cloth Table Covers         | .50   |
| 1 Rocking                   | .50  | 3 Brooms                         | .50   |
| 41 Chairs                   | 8.20 | Liberty                          | 3.00  |
| 1 <sup>in</sup> Steel yards | .25  |                                  |       |
| 4 Looking Glasses           | .67  |                                  |       |
| 10 Tables                   | 3.00 |                                  |       |
| 1 <sup>in</sup> Bellows     | .50  |                                  |       |

\$1119.33

The account is Respectfully Submitted

by *Alphus Spalding* }  
*Daniel Parker* } *Alphus*

Chelmsford July 26<sup>th</sup> 46. *Joseph Warrington* Signs



Warrant

Middlesex Co. To either of the Constables of the Town  
of Chelmsford

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
you are hereby required to notify & warn the select-  
men of the Town of Chelmsford qualified to vote  
in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said  
Town on Tuesday the 28th day of April instant, at  
one of the Clock P.M. to act on the following  
articles to wit:—

- 1- To choose a Moderator
- 2- To fill all vacant Town offices
- 3- To hear the Report of the School Committee &  
any other Committee, which may have been chosen  
& act thereon
- 4- To hear the Report of the Selectmen on the laying  
out of two Roads at the Furnace Village & act thereon
- 5- At the request of Gardner Fletcher—To see if the  
Town will widen the travelled part of the road  
on the meadow between his house & the Old Turnpike  
& permit him to set in his wall so as to form a railing  
for the road, or act thereon
- 6- At the request of Abel Spalding—To see if  
The Town will relinquish a part or the whole of  
their claim on the income of  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the farm on  
which he now lives
- 7- To see if the Town will take any measures, relative  
to the establishment of a fire department in said town  
& if so—To raise & appropriate such sums of money as  
may be necessary therefor

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this  
warrant to the Town Clerk at or before the time of  
said meeting.

Given under our hands & seals this 28th day  
of April A.D. 1846

Edw. Webster } Selectmen  
Eli. Prill }  
Owen Emerson } Chelmsford

(For officers' return see next page)

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officer return on the preceding warrant

Chelmsford April 27. 1846 - I have  
served the within warrant by posting up four & attested copies  
thereof at each of the public meeting houses & at the  
dwelling of Arnold Burtt all in said town so that the  
same may be read two Sabbath's previous to holding  
said meeting

Nathan P. Sadron - Constable of }  
Chelmsford }

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of  
Chelmsford qualified to vote in town affairs legally  
notified & held on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1846  
the following proceedings were had to wit:

Chose E. F. Webster Moderator

Chose Stephen Barrows & Solomon E. Byers surveyors  
of Highways in the place of Oliver Howard & Joel  
B. Wright declined as

Heard the report of the School Committee

Voted To accept the report  
Heard the report of the School Committee on the laying out of 2 roads at Chelmsford

Heard the report of the Majority of the Committee on the  
road petitioned for by Thad. T. Osgood as

Voted To accept the report

Heard the minority report of said Committee

Voted that the Committee have leave to withdraw his report

Voted to refer the subject of the 5<sup>th</sup> article to a Committee  
of three

Chose E. G. Reed, Joseph Reed Esqr & Daniel Parker Esqr  
said Committee

Voted to refer the subject of the 6<sup>th</sup> article to a Committee of  
three with instructions that the said Committee ascer-  
tain the value of the income of the Spalding farm  
which the town is intitled to & that they take charge  
of the same

Chose the present board of the overseers of the Poor said  
Committee who declined serving

Voted to add 3 to the Committee

Chose Joseph Warren Jr. Jephthah Parker & Stephen  
Barrows & the overseers of the poor said Committee



Voted to refer the 7th article in the warrant to the next  
November meeting

Ordered to dismiss the meeting

E. F. Webster Moderator

Recorded by

E. F. Webster Town Clerk

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122 Report of the School Committee

1843  
The Town of Belknap  
The School Committee beg leave  
to submit the following report.

At our organization in the Spring of 1845  
we divided the district into three. Two of  
four each & one of three. The two larger were assigned  
to the care of the subscribers & the smaller to the care of  
the Rev. Mr. Forbes, who, after having made one  
visit to each of his schools removed to another Town  
& ceased to act with us. He however sent us through the  
mail a written report of the appearance of the schools  
at the time he visited them, with which we compared  
their appearance at the close. At the commencement  
of the winter term the arrangement was that we should  
together visit the twelve schools twice each in addition  
to such call as we could conveniently make. This  
plan was carried out by one member of the Committee  
only, the other having so much business on his hands  
that he considered himself unable to make even  
half of the twenty four visits contemplated in  
the autumn. In consequence of these facts the Chair-  
man alone will be responsible for what is said con-  
cerning most of the winter schools.

One other fact we will state & explain. In the  
most published bill of the Town's annual expenses  
you will notice that one of the subscribers has  
made a higher charge for services than has been  
usual for any one member to make. In  
explanation of this fact, said subscriber has made  
a greater number of visits than any other one member  
has during his connection with the board. His bill  
consists of four items, His visits to the schools fifty  
cents each. Money paid for conveyance to the  
schools. Legal fees for taking the census of  
inhabitants in the four districts, constituting by  
far the most prolific portion of the Town. For  
other services to which he has devoted more than  
three days seven hours each day, he has charged



one dollar fifty cents - With these facilities & remarks we will proceed to give the history of your Schools during the past year. In writing the history we make no pretensions to perfect accuracy of the influences which have been brought to bear upon the interesting condition of these schools. We are but partially informed of many of these influences. How have we been able to view, together with the effects they have produced & are still producing. As well might we write a perfect history of the rain & the winds, and give an accurate description of the effects produced by every drop of moisture that has fallen upon the earth & every breeze that has passed over it during the past year, or to write a perfect history of the seasons, and give an accurate description of the effects produced by the influences they have experienced.

Such a history can be written. Such a description can be given only by omniscience - None but he who knows all things is perfectly acquainted with all the influences received by our children & youth during the time of which we now speak - During the time these young minds have been educated by one another, by their Parents & other associates dis- connected with the schools, & by the teachers who have been employed with an approbation, & under our particular direction. Under the influence of the last named persons, the minds of your children have been developed & strengthened, & stored with some valuable knowledge for future use. Of this part of their education you expect us to speak particularly. In compliance with this reasonable expectation, we say, it is our candid opinion that the liberal sum you voted to the support of schools at the commencement of the year has been profitably expended - You have been favored with

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good teachers as a class - With very few exceptions they have given unusual satisfaction to their employers & have furnished <sup>the committee</sup> other proofs of their ability & faithfulness in the capacity of teachers.

The Schools as a whole have made respectable improvements. In some however, the improvement has been more manifest than in others. This will appear as we proceed to remark on the several districts in their order. District No. 1 - The summer term in this district was taught by a young Lady who had adopted the views of government which are inculcated in the Normal School at Lexington. The peculiarity of those views is, if we are correctly informed, that corporal punishment is wholly unnecessary & wrong. That any sewing school may be governed without it. In another place we will give our opinion of this theory. In this place we will only describe its practical operation in Dist. No. 1, under the direction of our fair friend, where it was by adoption. Experience taught her that her theory was a general rule with exceptions, so she adopted the exceptions with the rule. The general rule was, government by moral suasion.

Her exceptions were the judicious use of an instrument highly recommended for this purpose by one of the ancients who was distinguished for his great wisdom & his practical good common sense. The rule without the exception did not secure the government she desired, so she combined the two in connection & succeeded in teaching an excellent school, which continued six winter weeks -

The juvenile department, consisting of children under ten years of age was taught the first winter by a young Lady who had derived her views of government from the Normal School but previous experience had modified them.

She frankly told the Committee when



remained that the judicious use of the rod constituted a part of her theory. It was not necessary to good order to have the children obedient. But this instrument was used as the last resort. The manner of the examination was highly gratified with the systematic management & the manifestation of improvement which he witnessed in the recitation of his pupils. Several very pretty songs were performed with a creditable degree of accuracy by the sweet voices of the little girls which added much to the interest of the examination.

The hope the day is not distant when singing will be practiced in all our female schools. The teacher has been employed in winter to see that the school - twenty or thirty - were present at the examination.

The history of the other department in this district during the past winter contains but very little which we can publish with a degree of pleasure. 'Tis our painful task to report that there have been serious difficulties here, concerning the causes that have produced them we are not fully informed. We shall therefore merely state a few facts accompanied with a few remarks. The teacher passed a respectable examination, entered upon his duties with a tolerable prospect of usefulness. Left the school had kept some weeks we were informed that the order was not good. This same information was given a second time, after which, one of us called & spent half an hour in school where we saw sufficient evidence that our information had been correct. In a private interview with the Teacher, we told him plainly what we had heard from two members of the district, & that our visit to the school had confirmed the truth of the Report. He acknowledged the correctness of what we had said, & agreed in accordance with our expressed wish which was given with a little authority, that he would

try to secure good order - He did try - but the effort  
 was not successful - He drew the Reins with all the strength  
 could command with the hope that he could check  
 the unmanageable team but they were going so fast that the  
 reins broke & a large portion of the school literally  
 rushed from him & from the ~~school~~ house, On the  
 day of examination we found that seven pupils &  
 one visitor, some very well as well degraded themselves  
 at great disgrace upon the district by filling the  
 stone furnace & removing the stone to the wall of  
 the Grave yard - Mark has been told us about the  
 exhibition & about a letter that was written to the teacher  
 by some of his pupils - but the stories we have heard  
 are so conflicting we have concluded to give no  
 opinion on these matters - It was reported that the  
 Committee directed the teacher to use, say no corpo-  
 -real punishment, & some in the district, have supposed  
 that this direction was the occasion of all the  
 mischief - No such direction was given him by  
 the Committee - He was told by the members of the  
 Committee who examined him, that in his opinion,  
 Corporal punishment should be used sparingly in  
 school & only as the last resort - & that, probably  
 he would not find it necessary to use it at all in  
 the school of large scholars of which he was about  
 to take charge - We remark in taking leave of  
 this unpleasant subject, that the troubles we have  
 hinted at have inflicted great, & we fear lasting  
 injury upon this school It will require a  
 good teacher together with the judicious coop-  
 -eration of the Committee & the parents to secure  
 a good school here next winter - The agent  
 will take great pains to procure a good teacher  
 & the Committee we doubt not, will lend the  
 teacher their aid - May we not hope the Parents  
 will do the same? May we not hope this, even if the  
 teacher should happen to have some slight defects?  
 If he should not be a perfect man? - May the  
 writer of your next report have a pleasant task



ian has been imposed upon us, when he describes the male department of this district. - The winter term of both departments was fifteen weeks - District No. 2, - Our history of this district will be very brief as no peculiar developments have come to our knowledge worthy of particular notice. This little school has had a quiet & so far as we can judge profitable year. The summer term was nineteen weeks including the subscription school - The examination at the close exhibited proofs of faithfulness on the part of the teacher - This school during the winter has been favoured with a comfortable school room. The old house having been remodelled & improved - it has also been instructed by a teacher who was approved by the Committee & gave satisfaction to his employes - The length of the winter term was eleven & half weeks.

District No. 3, - Summer School in this district was taught by a lady of considerable experience & the manifest improvement in all the branches, especially in orthography together with the order of the school showed that she was skilled in the art of teaching & governing well. Length of School, fifteen weeks. During the winter term this school was favoured with the instruction of an old teacher - Old in years & old in experience & interest in common school education - Under our supervision he has completed his 30<sup>th</sup> winter term & unless the infirmities of age creep rapidly upon him we think he will be able to increase their number considerably. The closing examination was witnessed by the Committee & thirty eight visitors. The largest number we think that has ever been reported since. The town <sup>has</sup> had a committee - Amongst their visitors were fathers & mothers not a few, who appeared to feel themselves well paid for their time & trouble. If Parents in other districts we could name, would do likewise, the happy effects upon their children would be manifest. Judging from the examination, the discipline was good & the scholars had been trained to think as well

all arts & sciences of knowledge Length of winter  
School 13 weeks.

Dist No. 4 - At the close of the Summer term in  
this district several scholars were absent on account of  
ill health. Those who were present gave pleasing  
evidence of faithfulness on their part, & on that of  
the teacher - School continued 15 weeks - The winter  
School was taught about half thing by a <sup>young</sup> man  
from Amhurst College, who left of his own accord on  
account of difficulty to sustain himself & some of the scholars.

The Agent employed a youthful resident of a neighbor-  
ing district to finish the School - The Committee en-  
tertained some fear respecting his success - He lacked  
experience & was intimately acquainted with the  
scholars, some of whom report said had not treated  
their former teacher with becoming respect. But the  
closing examination proved that these fears were groundless.

The order was good & the evidence of improvement  
was very gratifying - We hope our young friend will  
try again & demonstrate more fully his ability to excel  
in this department - Term 12 weeks, twenty one visitors  
were present -

Dist No. 5 - The Summer School in this district was  
found very backward at its commencement, but  
under the direction of a good teacher its character was  
decidedly improved during a term of 10 weeks, a  
fact that showed the importance of employing  
good teachers in this class of Schools - During the  
winter term this district was favored with a teacher  
who knew how to teach & faithfully employed his  
skill for the benefit of his pupils whose exhibition  
of improvement at the close of the School gratified  
the Committee & twenty four visitors.

Dist No. 6 - The Summer School here was taught by  
one who gave satisfaction to her employers & presented  
to the Committee the evidence that she had labored  
& had not labored in vain - The winter School was  
composed of a small number of scholars most of  
whom were nearly grown & behaved with the propriety



of men & women - This school was easily governed & well taught by a young man whose success in this his first attempt has secured for him the promise of the same situation the next winter - 8 visitors - winter term 12 & summer term 12 weeks

District No. 7 - The summer school appeared well at the commencement but the ill health of the teacher prevented an examination at the close - The winter school was instructed by an experienced & faithful teacher, who for two successive winters has taught this & the school in his own district in an adjoining town. This circumstance has made the close of this school very late. The recitations on the day of examination were generally respectable while in arithmetic they were decidedly good - Twelve visitors present - summer term 12 weeks - winter term 9 weeks

District No. 8 - The summer school was instructed by a Parent in the district who had not taught for several years. She entered upon her work enthusiastically & performed it faithfully - The examination showed evidence of improvement, especially in arithmetic. Term 14 weeks - The winter school was lengthened to 15 weeks by the teacher's boarding with the scholars. To show the estimation in which the teacher is held by the Parents, we will state that he has taught the school two winters in succession & has been asked to teach it a third, we have heard of dissatisfaction from one man only - The examination gave evidence of faithfulness & skill on the part of the teacher who has had long experience in this department - The examination in Geography upon Mitchell's outline Maps which belonged to the teacher, was very gratifying. The number of visitors between 10 & 15. This school has suffered & still suffers from the neglect of Parents. Only a few of them have ever visited it with the committee - An improvement in this particular has commenced.

District No. 9 - The committee were delighted with this school at the examination at the close of the summer term - The order was perfect & the recitations quite

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The winter School was faithfully and successfully taught by an experienced teacher who had the rare luck of giving satisfaction to all her employers - The day of the examination was very unpleasant which accounted for the small number of visitors present - Only five - Summer term 18 weeks - winter term 15 weeks

District No. 10 - This district has had 30 weeks schooling during the year. The same teacher was employed for the whole of the time but was compelled to leave before the close of the winter term & the School was finished successfully by another female - In the opinion of the Committee, respectable improvement has been made in this district during the time covered by their report

District No. 11 - This Dist. has had 40 weeks of school during the year, 30 of which were taught by an experienced teacher who had had charge of the School the year previous & who has been engaged to teach it the coming year - The Committee think the district fortunate in their selection & wise in their policy in continuing in their employ one who has proved herself competent & faithful - On account of ill health she was compelled to give up the School 13 weeks before the close - but the agent was successful in procuring another Lady to take her place, who, well skilled in the business of teaching gave satisfaction to her employers & presented to the Committee & 14 other visitors on examination at the close of the term which was creditable to her self & her Pupils

We propose to give our views upon the propriety & policy of employing corporal punishment in Schools. We claim for it propriety, because it is a scriptural mode of punishment. We believe a judicious use of this kind of punishment is in accordance with sound Policy, & is required by it.

Upon this point we wish to be understood - We think that Corporal Punishment should be



employed sparingly, & only as the last resort. We wish to have it exist in theory only if possible & in some schools, we believe it may. In some of our schools it has - We believe that the best way of promoting this kind of Punishment is to have it distinctly understood by the Pupils, that it is held in reserve & will be inflicted if milder means fail to secure the desired result. - We have facts in our possession which justify the assertion that the announcement to a school that Corporal punishment will not be employed in its government will greatly increase the necessity for employing it. - It is our opinion, that the surest way of securing good government in our schools without this kind of punishment is to instruct our teachers to make it prominent in their theories, while they practice it as little as possible. This your Committee have done - We have told teachers before commencing their schools that we should expect them to exercise good government over their pupils, & that we wished them to do this in the mildest way - if possible without the aid of severe means -

We think we have witnessed the beneficial effects of these directions - Several of our schools have been well governed without Corporal punishment except in theory - by existing there, it produced the desired effect without making the children smart. We are gratified to learn that the experience of teachers & Committees have brought them very generally to the opinion we have expressed. A Clergyman told one of us a short time since that he was once a member of a School Committee in a large town where there were between 20 & 30 districts, & that Committee instructed the teachers to employ no Corporal punishment. The instructions were followed for 3 months during which time the folly of their instructions was made so manifest that they were changed - The Committee then told the teachers to use Corporal punishment when they thought it necessary - At a late convention

Of teachers in Boston all but two declared themselves  
in favor of corporal punishment judiciously used  
& several of them had practiced the exclusive moral  
discussion theory. There are other subjects we should  
like to discuss if our report were not already too  
long. We close by expressing the hope that the  
interest of our citizens in their schools will continue  
& increase, & that God will smile upon all judicious  
efforts to train up the rising generation in the way  
they should go —

B. F. Clark } School  
Leopthal Parker } Committee of  
Chelseaford



Report of the Committee on 4/13/33  
the Road Petitioned for by Thos. T. Osgood<sup>3</sup>

The Committee chosen at the last March Meeting to examine the road as laid out by the Selectmen on the Petition of Thomas T. Osgood - Beginning near the house site of said Osgood & terminating near the Chelmsford Factory, have attended to the duty required of them & would report as follows VIZ: -

They first would report the state of the old road & the amendments which they think it requires. The old travelled road from the above mentioned house site to the intersection of the road leading by the house of John Farrar is very narrow, being in many places not more than one rod ~~in width~~ consequently liable to be obstructed by snow and requiring to be widened & repaired in order to be satisfactory to the public - Which damages & expense of repairs the Committee have estimated at a moderate calculation at one hundred & fifty dollars.

The new route would make a great saving of distance, & would, it is thought, be much less liable to obstructions from snow in winter, & greatly to the accommodation & interest of a few individuals, & of common convenience to the whole village in that vicinity, yet your Committee do not consider that the town ought to expend so much money for the accommodation of that part of the community who settle in full view of their defects, yet we consider that something ought to be added by the town to what it would cost to repair the old road towards opening the new - We therefore recommend that the report of the Selectmen as regards the laying out of said road be accepted on the following conditions VIZ: - That when any individual, or individuals shall appear within two years, who will engage to make the said Road with suitable Culverts & Bridges to the acceptance of the Selectmen, & shall indemnify the town from all costs

Dated at Chelmsford this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March  
(A.D. 1846

Respectfully submitted by } (Otis Adams) & majority of  
 } (Ira Hodgman) the Committee



# Militia Roll for 1846

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Adams Isaac  
 Adams Thomas M.  
 Adams Thos. J.  
 Adams Rufus  
 Adams Otis jr  
 Adams Calvin W.  
 Adams Joseph  
 Abbott Rufus K.  
 Austin Daniel H.  
 Baldwin Amos K.  
 Barker Daniel  
 Bassett Wm H.  
 Burrows Joseph  
 Beardman Warren  
 Boice Percy  
 Bingham George  
 Brown George  
 Brown Jacob. B.  
 Bradford Henry  
 Bowers Stephen  
 Brown Swall  
 Brown Wm H.  
 Brown John  
 Britton Land B.  
 Bird Henry M.  
 Bird Charles T.  
 Burr Adolphus  
 Blodgett Fredrick W.  
 Blodgett Maddus A.  
 Bennett Benj. H.  
 Blood Caleb  
 Blood Charles A.  
 Blood Charles 2<sup>d</sup>  
 Bugbee David H.  
 Brooks Henry C.  
 Blake Isaac W.  
 Butterfield Jonas C.  
 Byam Marcus S.

Byam Wm A.  
 Byam Stillman  
 Carroll J. C.  
 Cate Charles S.  
 Cory George  
 Cory Schuyler  
 Campbell James  
 Campbell John  
 Caldwell John  
 Clough John  
 Chan Andrew J.  
 Chamberlain Jay.  
 Chamberlain Isaac  
 Charles Osgood  
 Chaffer John jr  
 Clark David P.  
 Clark Carlos C.  
 Clark Wm H.  
 Cobb Wilson  
 Cross Charles  
 Cramm James  
 Case Ebenezer  
 Crockett Eastworth  
 Colburn Charles B.  
 Colburn James B.  
 Cummings Luther  
 Cushman Nathan P.  
 Davis Josiah K.  
 Davis John L.  
 Davis James H.  
 Day Jonathan  
 Sutton Hildreth P.  
 Sutton Ellsidge  
 Sutton Amos W.  
 Sutton Wesley P.  
 Dudley Otis B.  
 Durbin Joseph H.  
 Durbin Sumner

Wagon Elias C.  
 Wagon Lyman R.  
 Wagon Luther  
 Wagon Thomas  
 Wagon Wm B. S.  
 Wagon John  
 Wagon Simon B.  
 Wagon Samuel  
 Wagon Benjamin  
 Wagon Henry H.  
 Wagon Charles P.  
 Wagon Nelson  
 Wagon Benjamin  
 Wagon Oliver  
 Wagon John B.  
 Wagon Asa T.  
 Wagon Oliver Jr.  
 Wagon Levi  
 Wagon Josiah Richardson  
 Wagon Jonathan Tyler  
 Wagon Charles A.  
 Wagon Levi  
 Wagon Amos H.  
 Wagon Simon  
 Wagon Andrew S.  
 Wagon Moses  
 Wagon Uriah  
 Wagon Luther  
 Wagon George  
 Wagon Wm W.  
 Wagon Stephen S.  
 Wagon John  
 Wagon Albert  
 Wagon Warren  
 Wagon Isaac C.  
 Wagon Harrison  
 Wagon E.  
 Wagon George

Wagon William  
 Wagon Samuel R.  
 Wagon Joseph C.  
 Wagon Jonas  
 Wagon Rufus  
 Wagon Oliver S.  
 Wagon Benja F.  
 Wagon John  
 Wagon Alvah  
 Wagon Calvin  
 Wagon Otis  
 Wagon Samuel  
 Wagon Jason F.  
 Wagon Sathrop T.  
 Wagon John  
 Wagon Charles  
 Wagon George  
 Wagon Calvin B.  
 Wagon Benjamin  
 Wagon Gilman  
 Wagon Frederic W.  
 Wagon Isaac  
 Wagon Archibald R.  
 Wagon William  
 Wagon Charles P.  
 Wagon Edwin  
 Wagon Horace  
 Wagon John W.  
 Wagon Proctor C.  
 Wagon George B.  
 Wagon Jacob C.  
 Wagon Moses  
 Wagon Jacob.  
 Wagon Carlisle H.  
 Wagon Edward  
 Wagon Anthony  
 Wagon Geo. S.  
 Wagon Marcus



Keyes Moses  
Kennon Willard M.  
Kinson George D.  
Knowles John  
Larcom Jonathan  
Lindsay Nathaniel  
Langley Silas B.  
Leavett John  
Livingston Benjn F.  
Livingston William  
Libbee Daniel  
Lincoln Marshall  
Lewis James S.  
Lathrop Willcome  
Littlehale John  
Mansfield Jeremiah C.  
Mansfield Leonard J.  
Mansfield Isiah  
Mansfield Joel  
Manning William  
Manning Theophilus  
Marshall Benjn B.  
Marshall Joseph  
Marshall Rufus W.  
McIntire Salmon  
McIntire George A.  
McIntire Amos  
McIntire Warren  
Murdock Samuel G.  
Moore Thomas  
Morse Nathaniel  
Munger Harry  
Morse Seneca P.  
McGlanthlin Hiram S.  
Nichols Rodney  
Nichols Joel C.  
Olsen Thos. W.  
Osgood Thos. J.

Osgood Eldridge  
Park John A.  
Page Charles C.  
Palmer Mons P.  
Parkhurst Edwin K.  
Parkhurst Samuel S.  
Parkhurst Benjn S.  
Parkhurst John 2<sup>d</sup>  
Parkhurst John 3<sup>d</sup>  
Parker Charles  
Parker Henry  
Parker Willard  
Parker Samuel Esq  
Parker Francis B.  
Patten James  
Peabody Hiram  
Perham Percy P.  
Peckins John S.  
Perkins John  
Pike James J.  
Pierce Joseph B.  
Pierce Lowell  
Pollard Dawson  
Prescott John B.  
Pratt Joshua  
Pratt William A.  
Proctor Charles  
Proctor Simon B.  
Proctor Alfred  
Putnam Israel  
Rand Geo. M.  
Ramsley James S.  
Ripley Lewis  
Rowe Franklin  
Richardson Eliza J.  
Sampson Seth B.  
Saroye Frederic J.  
Saroye Jerome

Sanborn Leonard C.  
 Sanborn John ed.  
 Shaw Eliza  
 Shores John S.  
 Shoring S. O.  
 Shudel John S.  
 Shepard Alfred  
 Shepard Alfred W.  
 Sloane John  
 Southland Henry  
 Simpson Andrew J.  
 Smith Joseph W.  
 Smith Jacob B.  
 Smith Leonard  
 Smith Tebalod C.  
 Spalding Shunbiak J.  
 Spalding Joel  
 Spalding Elbridge G.  
 Spalding Asa  
 Spalding Ephraim D.  
 Spalding Jonathan  
 Spalding Benjamin J.  
 Spalding Isaiah B.  
 Spalding Augustus E.  
 Spalding Warren  
 Stanton Henry B.  
 Stanton Simon  
 Stevens James  
 Stevens Moses  
 Stratton Levi H.  
 Sweet David  
 Sweet William  
 Sweetser Charles

Towne Matthew T.  
 Tackett Henry  
 Templeton Charles  
 Torrey Joseph G.  
 Towner John  
 Trull Levi  
 Thomas Abram  
 Thomas Alfred  
 Tyler William  
 Tyler Samuel  
 Upham Ezra A.  
 Upham Clement  
 Upham Alonzo D.  
 Viles Albert  
 Ward Lafayette  
 Warden Allen  
 Warren Joseph J.  
 Warren Edwin H.  
 Waters Samuel A.  
 Weaver Charles  
 Wentworth Moses C.  
 Weymouth Converse L.  
 Wilson Gordon B.  
 Wilson John J.  
 Wilkins Jonathan  
 Wiggin Nathaniel  
 Wiggin John W.  
 White Eschiel  
 White Joseph  
 Whittemore James  
 Whittemore Edward K.  
 Wright Gilbert W.  
 White George  
 Woodward John  
 Woodward Horace W.

Total no. 296



Town Collecting June 27. 1846 (183)

## Register of Deeds

(Haddley's) Writhe of the Constables of the Town  
(L.S.) of Chelmsford - Greeting

(L.S.) In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
you are hereby required to notify & warn the Inhabitants  
of the Town of Chelmsford qualified to vote in Elections  
& in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall on Saturday  
the 27<sup>th</sup> day of June instant at 12 O. Clock a  
noon, to act on the following articles viz

- 1- To Choose a Moderator
- 2- To bring in their votes for a Register of Deeds  
for the County of Middlesex
- 3- To hear the Reports of any Committee which may  
have been chosen & act thereon
- 4- At the request of the Committee appointed to as-  
certain the amount of the claims on a part of the  
farm on which Ethel Spalding now lives &c  
to see if the Town will take any measures to  
cause a guardian to be appointed for James  
Spalding, or act thereon

Hereof fail not, and make  
due return of this warrant with your doings there-  
on to the Town Clerk at or before the time of  
holding said meeting

Given under our hands & seals this 11<sup>th</sup>  
day of June A.D. 1846

E. F. Webster } Selectmen  
Oscar Emma } of  
Chelmsford

(Haddley's) I have served the writhe by putting up  
true & attested copies thereof at each of the  
public Meeting Houses & at the Town of Arnold  
Burth all in said town so that the same might  
stand two Sabbaths previous to holding said  
meeting

Chelmsford June 22. 1846

Nathan P. Laddum Constable of  
Chelmsford

Announcement of the Town of Chelmsford

At a meeting of the legal voters of the town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex held on on the twenty seventh day of June in the year eighteen hundred & forty six at twelve o'clock at noon in pursuance of a requisition of the County Commissioners for said County, dated the fourth day of June, eighteen hundred and forty six, ballots were cast for a Register of Deeds for said County, as follows to wit:—  
Whole number of Ballots was fifty two

Ephraim B. Patch had thirty

Caleb Hayden had twenty one

F. F. Thayer had one

C. F. Webster Moderator

Recorded by C. F. Webster Town Clerk.



Town Meeting June 27. 1846. 241

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford qualified to vote in town affairs held on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 1846 the following proceedings, we had to wit:

Chose E. F. Wilster Moderator

Opened the Polls for Register of Deeds,

Voted that the Committee appointed to ascertain the amount of the Claims of the town on a part of the farm on which I. Steel Spalding now lives, be authorized to take legal measures to cause a guardian to be appointed for James Spalding now in the ~~Lane~~ Hospital at Worcester

Closed the Polls for Register of Deeds & the votes being counted were as follows. To wit  
whole number of ballots was fifty two

Eph<sup>us</sup> B. Patch had thirty

Calish Hayden had twenty one

G. F. Thayer had one

Voted to dismiss the meeting -

E. F. Wilster Moderator

1844 Annual Meeting Nov 9. 1844

Warrant

Middlesex ss To either of the Constables of the town  
of Chelmsford — Greeting

L.S. ) In the name of the Commission of the Superior  
L.S. ) Court we hereby require & certify that the In-  
L.S. ) habitants of said town of Chelmsford, qualified to vote in  
elections to meet at the town Hall in said town on  
Monday the ninth day of November next (being  
the second Monday of said month) at 9 o'clock before  
noon for the following purposes to wit: —

To bring in their votes for a Governor & Lieutenant  
Governor of this Commonwealth, & for six Senators  
for the district of Middlesex all on one ballot.

To bring in their votes for a Representative in  
the next Congress for District No. 3 —  
To choose a Representative to represent the <sup>town</sup> in  
the next General Court to be holden at Boston  
on the first Wednesday of January next

And you are also required to notify the Inhabitants  
of said town qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet  
at the same place & on the same day at one of the  
O'clock P.M. to act on the following articles to wit:

- 1 To Choose a Moderator
- 2 To hear the Reports of the Selectmen on the laying  
out of roads in the Northerly part of the town &  
also of any Committee which may have been  
appointed & act thereon —
- 3 To take into consideration the Subject contained  
in the 7<sup>th</sup> article of the Warrant for April meeting  
& act thereon — Said article having been referred  
to November meeting
- 4 At the request of Ezekiel Byam — To see if the  
town will grant any compensation to a Miss  
Coxe who resides with him, for damages sustained  
by the overturning of a Stage the last winter
- 5 At the request of Sewall Parkhurst — To see  
if the town will cause a railing to be placed  
on the road against his Meadow —  
Hereof fail not, and make



the return of this warrant ~~to ourselves~~ with  
your doings thereon, to ourselves at or before  
the time of holding said meeting is

Given under our hands & seals this twenty  
eighth day of October in the year eighteen  
hundred & forty six —

E. F. Webster } Selectmen  
C. G. Reed } of  
Chelmsford

Childress - Chelmsford Oct. 30 1846

I have served the within warrant by posting  
up attested copies of the same at each of the  
public meeting houses in said town, and  
also at A. Burtt's Tavern in said town two  
Sabbaths before the time of holding said  
meeting

Frederic W. Blodgett, Constable  
of Chelmsford

Annual Election Nov 9 - 1846

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the  
Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex  
and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the  
Constitution to vote for Governor & Lieutenant Gov-  
ernor, holden on the ninth day of November, being  
the second Monday of said month, in the year of our  
Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty six, for the  
purpose of giving in their votes for Governor and  
Lieut. Governor of said Commonwealth, the whole  
number of persons who gave in their votes was ascertained  
as is directed in the Revised Statutes (chap 4 Sec 13)  
by counting the whole number of separate ballots given  
in; and the whole number of ballots was three  
hundred & thirty seven

And the whole number of votes given in for Governor was  
sorted, counted & recorded, and declaration thereof made  
as by the Constitution is directed and said votes were  
for the following persons viz:—

|              |                    |     |     |
|--------------|--------------------|-----|-----|
| For Governor | { George S. Briggs | had | 153 |
|              | { Isaac Davis      | "   | 147 |
|              | { Samuel E. Sewall | "   | 14  |
|              | { David Bryant     | "   | 23  |

O. T. Weston } Select men  
E. G. Reed }  
Oscar Emerson }  
O. T. Weston Town Clerk

Attest



# Annual Election Nov. 1846

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of  
Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Con-  
=wealth qualified by the Constitution to vote for a  
Governor and Lieutenant Governor, holden on the ninth  
day of November, being the second Monday of said  
month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight  
hundred and forty six for the purpose of giving  
in their votes for Governor & Lieut. Governor of said  
Commonwealth, the whole number of persons who gave  
in their votes was ascertained, as is directed in the  
Revised Statutes (Chap. 4. Sec. 13) by counting the  
whole number of separate ballots given in and  
the whole number of ballots was three hundred  
and thirty seven

And the whole number of votes given in for  
Lieutenant Governor were sorted, counted and  
recorded, and declaration thereof made as  
by the Constitution is directed; and said votes  
were for the following persons; viz: —

|                        |                    |      |     |
|------------------------|--------------------|------|-----|
| For Lieut.<br>Governor | { George Hood      | Lead | 118 |
|                        | { John Reed        | "    | 137 |
|                        | { John Allen       | "    | 23  |
|                        | { John A. Brewster | "    | 15  |

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex & Commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified by the Constitution to vote for Senators, holden on the ninth day of November, being the second Monday of said Month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty six, for the purpose of giving in their votes for Senators for the district of Middlesex, the whole number of persons who gave in their votes was ascertained, as is directed by the Revised Statutes, (Chap. H. Sec. 13,) by counting the number of separate ballots given in; and the whole number of ballots was three hundred & thirty eight — 338

And the whole number of votes were sorted, counted & recorded, and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed; and said votes were for the following persons, viz:—

|                      |                               |     |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|-----|
| Benjamin Cluddy      | had one hundred & forty seven | 147 |
| Luke Wellington      | one hundred & forty seven     | 147 |
| Leonard Thompson     | one hundred & Seventy         | 170 |
| Alpheus R. Brown     | one hundred & forty seven     | 147 |
| Bradford Russell     | one hundred & forty seven     | 147 |
| Eden Leland          | one hundred & Seventy         | 170 |
| Calvin Shepard       | one hundred & fifty one       | 151 |
| Joseph T. Buckingham | " "                           | 151 |
| John A. Knowles      | " " "                         | 151 |
| Thomas Emerson       | " " "                         | 151 |
| Hobart Spencer       | " " "                         | 151 |
| David Heard          | " " "                         | 151 |
| George Willard       | thirty seven                  | 37  |
| Samuel H. Allen      | twenty three                  | 23  |
| Thomas Postman       | " "                           | 23  |
| James T. Madbury     | fifteen                       | 15  |
| David Goodale        | "                             | 15  |
| James Kimball        | "                             | 15  |
| Charles Foster       | "                             | 15  |
| Otis Petter          | "                             | 15  |



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of  
 Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex & Commonwealth  
 of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to elect  
 Representatives in the General Court, holden on the ninth  
 day of November being the second Monday of said month  
 in the year one thousand eight hundred & forty six  
 for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Represent-  
 ative of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the  
 United States for District Number One.

The whole number of Persons who gave in their votes  
 was ascertained, as is directed in the Revised Statutes  
 (Chap. 40, Sec 13) by counting the number of separate  
 ballots given in, & the whole number was Three  
 hundred & Eighteen 318

And the whole number of votes given in was sorted,  
 counted, recorded, & declaration thereof made as by  
 law is directed; and said votes were for the following  
 persons: viz.

|                    |     |                           |   |     |
|--------------------|-----|---------------------------|---|-----|
| George S. Boulwell | had | one hundred & forty       | = | 140 |
| Amos Abbot         |     | one hundred & forty eight | = | 148 |
| Chamney L. Knapp   | had | twenty nine               |   | 29  |
| Wm. Schouler       |     | One                       |   | 1   |

# General Election Nov,

A meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chatham  
qualified to vote in Elections held on the ninth day of  
Nov. 1846 for the purpose of Choosing a Town Repre-  
sentative to the General Court The following proceedings  
were had

Voted To send a Representative to the next general court.

The Polls were opened for State & County officers Members  
of Congress & also for Town Representation at 10 minutes  
past 10 O'clock A.M. At 4 O'clock P.M. the  
Polls for a town Representation were closed & the votes  
sorted, counted, recorded & declared & stood as follows

The Whole number of votes were 319 necessary for  
a choice 160.

|                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Abel Graves had            | 154 |
| Harvey Silsbee "           | 119 |
| Joseph B. Pierce "         | 22  |
| Daniel Parker Esq.         | 15  |
| Asa Hodgman 2 <sup>d</sup> | 6   |
| Asa Hodgman                | 1   |
| Otis Adams                 | 1   |
| Leptah Parker              | 1   |

Voted To send the same man to the General Court the  
Town sent last year

Voted To reconsider the above vote

Voted To dismiss the meeting

E. F. Webster } Schoolmaster  
E. G. Reed }  
Owen Emerson }

Recorded by E. F. Webster Clerk

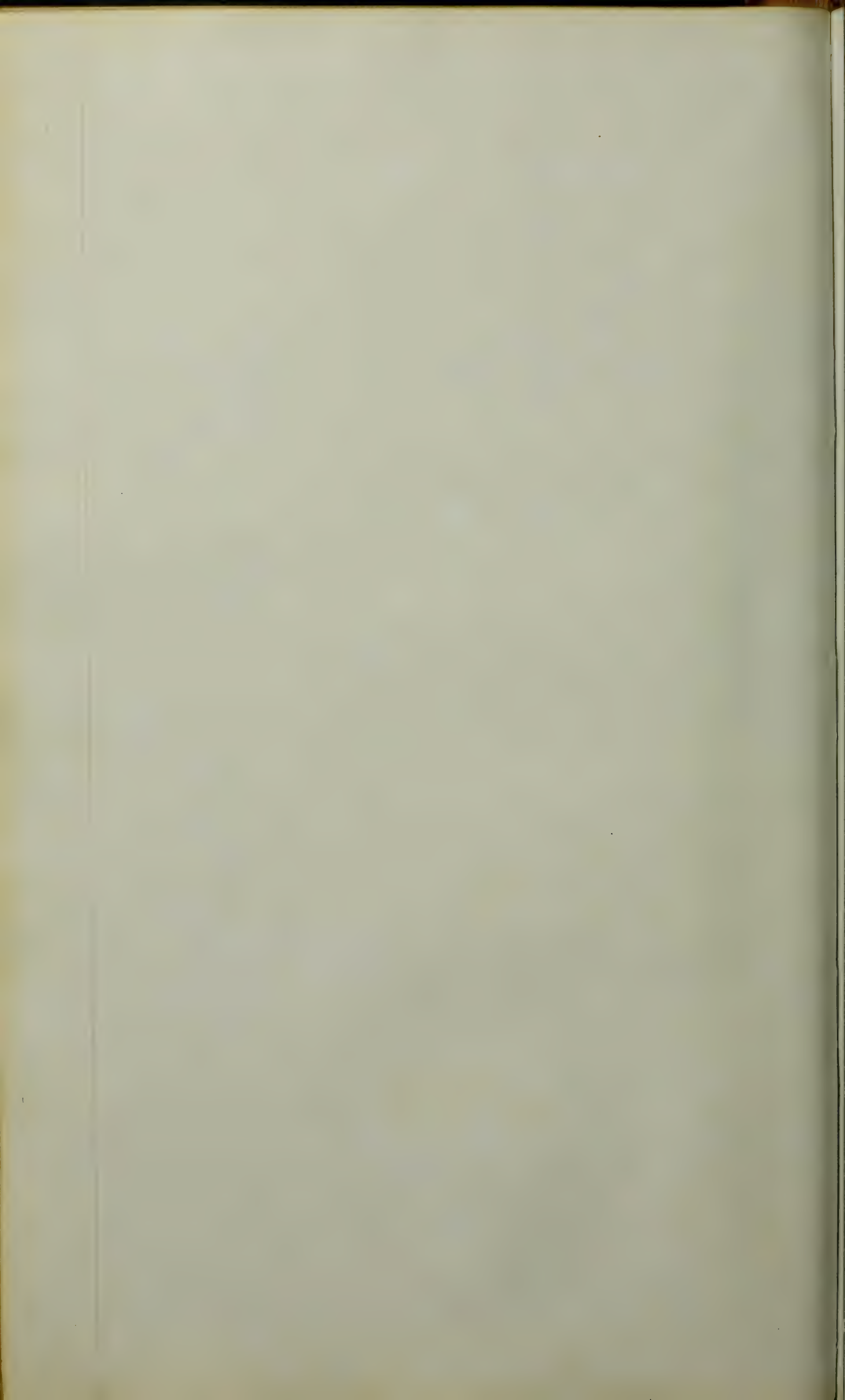




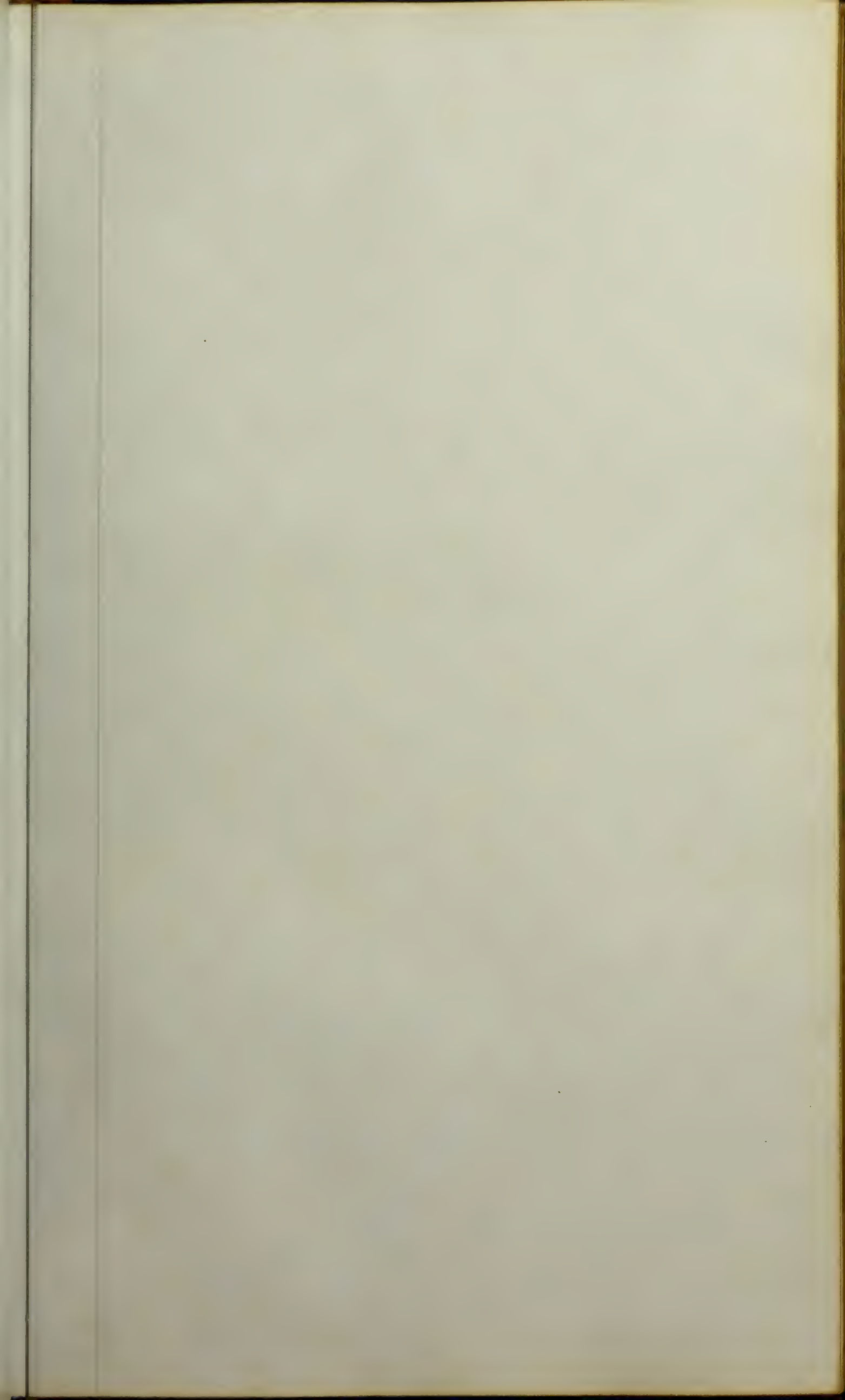
and a meeting of the selectmen. The town of ...  
and paid vote in town affairs legally warned &  
held on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November A.D. 1846. The  
following proceedings, were had to wit: —

- Chose Dece Otis Adams Moderator  
Heard the Report of the Selectmen on the laying out  
of the Middlesex Turnpike from Burth's Tavern to  
Lyngsbors' line as a free public highway.  
Voted to accept the report, with the condition, expressed  
therein, that no damage be allowed for land.  
Heard the report of the laying out of the road as petitioned  
for by James Pike, & Charles Sweett  
Voted to accept the report  
Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to enquire into  
the expense of providing Hooks & Ladders for the  
different villages, & report at a future meeting  
Voted to refer the 4<sup>th</sup> article in the warrant to the Selectmen  
Voted to refer the 5<sup>th</sup> article to the Selectmen with instructions  
to rail the the road as it now is or widen it  
at their discretion  
Voted to dissolve the meeting

Otis Adams Moderator







Warrant,

Sheweth, That to either of the Constables of the Town of  
 )  
 )

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 you are hereby required to notify & warn the Inhabitants  
 of said Town qualified to vote in Election in Town affairs  
 to meet at the Town-Hall in said Town, on Monday  
 the first day of March next at noon of the  
 Clock before noon to act on the following articles to wit:-

- 1- To Choose a Moderator
- 2- To Choose all necessary Town officers for the  
 ensuing year
- 3- To bring in their votes for a Town for the County  
 of Middlesex
- 4- To hear the Reports of the Overseers of the Poor - the  
 Committee to settle with the Town - and any other  
 Committees which may have been appointed, and act thereon
- 5- To see in what manner the Town will repair the  
 roads & Bridges the ensuing year
- 6- To raise & appropriate such sum of money as  
 may be necessary for the support of the Schools  
 the Poor - and for all other Town Charges -
- 7- To make provision for the Collection of the  
 taxes, & fix the time for the payment thereof
- 8- To hear the Report of the Selectmen on the paying  
 out of a widening of the road near the house  
 of Isaac Payson, and act thereon
- 9- At the request of Francis T. Sawyer & others -  
 To see if the Town will reconsider the vote passed  
 at the last Spring meeting respecting the road petitioned  
 for by Thos. T. Osgood & others, & act further in relation  
 thereto

Hereof fail not,  
 and make due return of this warrant, with your doings,  
 thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding  
 said meeting

Given under our hands & seals this } E. F. Hébert } Selectmen  
 nineteenth day of February in the } E. G. Reed } of  
 year eighteen hundred & forty seven } O. Emerson } Chelmsford



Meeting of the Town of Chelmsford July 20 1847 - The  
Board the warrant by putting of the scattered  
copies thereof at each of the places designated  
by the act of the Town so that it should be  
read two Sabbath previous to the time of holding  
said Meeting

Recorded by E. F. Walster Town Clerk

Passed & to the purpose of the Town of Chelmsford qualified to elect  
in town affairs met at the Town Hall  
on Monday the first day of March  
the year 1847. & proceeded as follows to wit: -

Then the Moderator

Then E. F. Walster Town Clerk who was aided by  
Benjamin Adams Engraver

Whole no of votes 121. E. F. Walster had 67. S. S. Parkhurst 54

Then Jephthah Parker & Samuel Parker & Samuel - Whole  
no. of votes 113. necessary for a choice 57

Jephthah Parker had 57. Samuel Parker had 58

Wm S. Flanders 38. Joseph Manning 34. Joseph Reed 37

Milo Prim 28. Oti Adams 21. James Pike Jr. 16. Cass

Emerson 14. Charles Sweett 14. and Scattering 5.

Voted To choose two Constables

Voted To take up the 3<sup>d</sup> article in the Warrant in connection with  
the Second

Ballotted again for one Selectman & also for 2 Constables  
& County Treasurer

Closed the Polls for Constables - Whole no. of votes 75. necessary

for a choice 38 Samuel P. Perham had 66 and

Benjamin Blood Jr had 57 & were chosen

Closed the Polls for Selectman - Whole no. of votes 113

necessary for a choice 57 Joseph Reed had 42

Oti Adams 38. Charles Sweett 16

Wm Flanders 11. Scattering 6 - No. Choice

Ballotted again for one Selectman - Whole No of votes 117

necessary for a choice 59. Joseph Reed had 62 &

was chosen

The house adjourned on Saturday being asked a little  
 business in the afternoon before going to the  
 meeting of the office on Sunday 11

12th 3rd session for the year

Not according to adjournment. When Joseph Parker  
 & Sewall Parkhurst declined serving as Selectmen  
 (hereafter) Joseph Manning Town Treasurer  
 voted to choose a Superintending School Committee consist-  
 -ing of three persons

Proposed for the first year - whole no. of votes 129  
 necessary for a choice 65. Isaac Otis Adams had 101  
 Eli P. Parker had 69 & were chosen - Charles Swett  
 had 39 & Isaac Crocker 23 votes

Isaac Otis Adams & E. P. Parker declined serving

Voted to postpone the choice of selectmen for the present & proceed  
 to the business

13th 4th Poll for School Committee. whole no. of votes 74  
 necessary for a choice 38. Rev. B. F. Clark had 50  
 Dr. Nathan B. Edwards 49 & J. L. Bartlett 43 & were  
 chosen - Willard Reed had 19 - John Parker 18 Abel  
 Hunt 18 & scattering 15

Voted To choose three overseers of the Poor

Chose Asa Hodgman 2<sup>d</sup> Shemariah Spalding jr & Maj Joseph  
 Manning Overseers of the Poor

Chose Asa Hodgman 2<sup>d</sup> Shemariah Spalding jr & Maj Joseph Manning  
 Overseers of the Workhouse

Chose the Polls for County Treasurer. The votes being sorted,  
 counted & declared, were as follows - whole number  
 of ballots 54. Stephen Buttrick Jr had 52 votes  
 Charles Swett 1 & Joseph Reed 1

Voted To choose 9 field drivers

Chose Henry B. Proctor - David Fletcher Samuel  
 Howard - Geo. W. Bosworth - Ebenezer Cawdry  
 Samuel C. P. Penhain - Thomas M. Olcott Theophilus  
 Manning & Otis B. Dudley

Voted To choose 6 fence viewers

Chose David Fletcher - Parker Sutton - Stephen Bowers  
 Otis Adams - Benjamin Blood - Joseph Adams



Voted To Choose 11 Surveyors of Highways  
 Chose Lovell Fletcher - Ellbridge G. Spalding, Leonard J.  
 Mansfield - J. C. Mansfield - Thomas Marshall  
 Charles Sedgwick - Benjamin Spalding - Benjamin  
 J. O'Brien - Charles Smith - Nathan Tyler & John Farnham

Voted That when this meeting adjourns, it adjourns to meet  
 next at this place at One O'clock P.M.

Voted To Choose 14 Surveyors of Lumber  
 Chose Freeman H. Myrick - Charles Proctor - Wm Sweet  
 Benjamin Blood Jr - Joseph Adams - Leonard Pollard  
 Eli P. Parker - Isaac Crooker - Samuel P. Hadley - John S. Shel  
 J. R. Parkhurst - Alpheus Bowers, John Stearns

Voted To Choose 15 measurers of wood & bark  
 Chose Eli Adams - Eli P. Parker - Alpheus Bowers, Saml.  
 S. Parkhurst - Saml. P. Hadley - Wm Sweet - James  
 Whittemore - Joseph Adams - Geo. W. Woodward  
 Tho<sup>d</sup> Marshall - Alpheus Spalding - Frederic S.  
 Sawyer - Freeman H. Myrick - Leonard Pollard  
 & Henry B. Proctor - Surveyors of Wood & Bark

Voted To choose 4 weighers of hay  
 Chose Arnold Burth - Henry B. Proctor - Freeman H. Myrick  
 & Joseph W. Smith

Heard the Report of the Overseer, of the Poor

Voted To accept the Report

Heard the Report of the Committee to settle with the Treasurer

Voted To accept the Report

Heard the Report of the Committee on Gardner Fletchers road  
 Voted to defer all action on the report untill the adjournment  
 of this meeting

Voted to adjourn to monday March 8<sup>th</sup> at 10 O'clock P.M.  
 to meet at the Town Hall -

Monday March 8<sup>th</sup> 1847

Met according to adjournment

Took up the Report of the Committee relating to the road  
 near Gardner Fletchers -

Voted To refer the Report to the Selectmen instructions  
 to act in the premises at their discretion





bidder who shall be accepted by the town

The Collection of the Taxes was bid off by Israel Putnam  
at one cent & nine mills on the dollar.

Chose Israel Putnam Collector

Voted To take up the 9th article in the Warrant

Voted To reconsider the vote passed at the last April Meeting  
accepting the Report of the Committee on the road  
petitioned for by Thos. T. Osgood & others - and

Voted To recommit the report to the same Committee (after  
filling the vacancy caused by the removal of George Hoad)  
with instructions to make a further & more definite  
enquiry into the expenses of building said road  
& report to the next April Meeting.

Chose Daniel Parker Esq. to fill the vacancy in the Committee

Voted to Take up the 8th article in the Warrant

Heard the Report of the Selectmen on the laying out of the  
widening in the road near Amos Dr. Jones

Voted to accept the Report

Ballotted for 2 Selectmen - whole no. of votes 56. necessary for a  
choir 29 - Samuel P. Perham had 40 Thomas Marshall  
had 40 votes & were chosen - both declined

Ballotted again for Selectmen - whole no. of votes 33 - necessary  
for a choir 17 (tho. & Adams had 24. Parker 25 votes & were chosen & accepted

Voted to dissolve the Meeting

Otis Adams, Moderator

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk

1877 - List of Officers, Clergy, etc. 1877  
of South Carolina, 1877

Arnold Burtt }  
H. B. Proctor } Weighs of  
Freeman & Myrick } Hay  
Joseph W. Smith }

H. B. Proctor  
Samuel Fletcher

Samuel Howard

Geo. W. Bonvoisi

Eben. Tardely

S. P. Perham

Thos W. Oliver

Thos. Wilson & Manning  
611 N. 5th St. St. Louis, Mo.

Chas. B. Dudley

Sumner, March 1<sup>st</sup> 1837



## Fence Viewers

David Fletcher  
 Parker Squire  
 Ephrus Bowers  
 Chas. Adams  
 Benj<sup>n</sup> Blood jr  
 Joseph Adams

Freeman H. Myrick  
 Charles Proctor  
 Wm Swett

Benj<sup>n</sup> Blood jr  
 Joseph Adams  
 Sarsen Pollard  
 Eli P. Parker  
 Isaac Crooke

David P. Hadley  
 John S. Shedd

Joseph R. Parkhurst  
 Ephrus Bowers  
 Jabez Stevens  
 Stillman Byam

Swoon March 1<sup>st</sup>

" "

" "

" "

Swoon March 2<sup>nd</sup>

" "

" "

" March 2<sup>nd</sup>

" March 2<sup>nd</sup>

" March 1<sup>st</sup>

Elen Adams  
 Eli P. Parker

Ephrus Bowers

S. S. Parkhurst

S. P. Hadley

Wm Swett

James Whittemore

Joseph Adams

Geo. W. Woodward

Thomas Marshall

Stephen Spalding

Frederic T. Sawyer

Freeman H. Myrick

Sarsen Pollard

Henry B. Proctor

Swoon March 1<sup>st</sup>

" "

" March 15<sup>th</sup>

" March 1<sup>st</sup>

" March 1<sup>st</sup>

" March 1<sup>st</sup>

" "

## Surveyors of Timber

## Measurers of Wood &amp; Bark

Committee to settle with the  
Treasurer

that was chosen by the Town at the last  
Annual Meeting to settle the annual Settlement with the  
Town Treasurer for the year ending March 1-1847. having  
discharged that duty, ask leave to report as follows viz:-

|                                                                   |             |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| The Treasurer charges himself with Balance in his hands           | \$ 261. 31  |
| of the last annual Settlement of                                  | 3791. 01    |
| not received of Stephen Parker Collector for 1846                 | 21. 38      |
| of Barnard Stratton for Post House                                | 3. 10       |
| of Chester Jones for License                                      |             |
| of J. H. Young for an overdraft of }<br>money in 1839             | 12. 73      |
| of State Treasury School Fund for the }<br>year ending Dec 1-1846 | 67. 52      |
| Do. for State Paupers for 1846                                    | 8. 68       |
| Amounting to                                                      | \$ 4164. 69 |

And is Credited by sundry orders \$ 3373. 90  
" Cash on hand 790. 79  
Amounting to \$ 4164. 69

All which is respectfully submitted } Otis Adams }  
by } Asa Hodgman 2<sup>d</sup> }  
} O. Emerson } Committee

Assented to by Joseph Manning, Treasurer

The Committee would also report that they have ascertained as  
nearly as possible the liabilities of the town over & above its available means

|                                |             |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Orders on Interest             | \$ 1452. 91 |
| Estimated interest on the same | 93. 00      |
| Orders not on interest         | 3. 34       |
| Estimated bills not presented  | 80. 34      |
| Amounting to                   | \$ 2129. 62 |

There is now in the hands of the Treasurer 790. 79  
Leaving a balance against the Town of \$ 1338. 83

Respectfully Submitted by - Otis Adams }  
Asa Hodgman }  
O. Emerson } Committee



Middlesex ss To Samuel P. Perham Constable of the  
town of Chelmsford in said County - Greeting -  
I, S. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
L. S. you are hereby required to notify & warn the Inhabitants  
L. S. of said town qualified to vote in Elections & assemble  
at the Town Hall on Monday the fifth day of  
April next at one of the clock in the afternoon  
then & there to bring in their votes & the Selectmen  
for three County Commissioners for the County  
of Middlesex on one ballot & for two Special  
Commissioners on one ballot.

You are also required to see that the Inhabitants of said  
town qualified by law to vote in town affairs  
assemble at the same time & place to act on the  
following articles viz:-

- 1 To Choose a Moderator
- 2 To hear the Report of the School Committee  
of the past year - and of any other Committee that  
may have been chosen, & act thereon
- 3 To hear the Report of the Committee to whom was  
recommended the Report of the Road prayed for  
by Thomas T. Osgood - and act anything in relation  
to said road, or the laying out of the same by the  
Selectmen
- 4 To act in relation to the list of Jurors selected  
by the Selectmen
- 5 To fill all vacant town Offices

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by  
posting up a copy thereof, by you attested at the follow-  
ing places to-wit: - One at the Centre, South Baptist,  
North Chelmsford & Middlesex Meeting Houses & one at the  
Lairum of Arnold Burth, so that the same may stand  
over two Sabbaths previous to the time of holding said  
meeting

Hereof fail not; and make due return  
of this warrant with your doings, unto ourselves at  
the time & place of meeting as aforesaid is

Given under our hands & seals this twentieth

the year of our Lord one thousand eight  
hundred and forty seven

Otis Adams } Selectmen  
Joseph Reed } of  
Lebstock Parker } Chelmsford

Chelmsford, N. H. April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1847 I have served this  
warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at each of  
the public houses as above directed

S. P. Perham Constable

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April 1847 Pursuant to the foregoing  
warrant the Inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in  
Elections & in town affairs met at the town Hall and  
proceeded to act as follows to wit

Opened the Polls for the choice of 3 County Commissioners and for two  
Special Commissioners at 1<sup>st</sup> 45<sup>th</sup> P. M. & Closed them  
at 4<sup>th</sup> P. M. — (For the result see next page)

Chose Otis Adams Moderator

Heard the Report of the School Committee for 1846

Voted To accept & approve the Report

Heard The Report of the Committee relation to the road petitioned  
for by Thos T. Osgood & others

Voted To lay the Report on the table

Voted to take up the 4<sup>th</sup> article

Heard The Report of the Selectmen relation to a revision of  
the Jury Box

Voted to Accept the Report

Voted To accept the Report of the Selectmen on the  
laying out of the road petitioned for by Thos T.  
Osgood

Voted To choose a committee of three persons to superintend  
the building of said road

Chose Alpheus Spalding Esq Isaac Hodgman 2<sup>d</sup> and  
Daniel Parker Esq said Committee

Voted to dissolve the Meeting

Otis Adams Moderator  
Recorded by E. F. Webster Clerk





## (List of jurors)

At a meeting of the Selectmen March 20-1847  
to receive the jury box, the following list was selected  
in accordance with the order of the Town

Benjamin Adams

Solomon Adams

Charles Blood

Charles T. Bird

Thomas Carson

Wm R. Cochran

Elbridge Sutton

Quinn Emerson

Abel Hunt

Oliver Hutchins

Francis Richardson

Jesse Smith

Ephraim P. Spalding

Frederic T. Sawyer

Hervey Silver

Joseph Warren Jr

Thomas C. Hall

Sewall Parkhurst

Solomon Parkhurst

x Daniel Parker

Daniel Prector

Samuel S. Parkhurst

Joseph Reed

x Alpheus Spalding

Isa Hodgman 2<sup>d</sup>

Simon Bryan

Edmund Sweet

Reported to the Town for their acceptance

By

Otis Adams

Joseph Reed

Levi Parker

} Selectmen

} of Chatham

April 5<sup>th</sup> 1847 L. town meeting

Read & accepted

G. F. Webster T. Clerk



Militia Roll for 1811

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Andrews David  
Ayers Daniel  
Adams Abel  
Adams John D.  
Abbott Rufus K.  
Adams Calvin W.  
Albee Wm H.  
Adams Joseph  
Adams Otis Jr  
Adams Thomas M.  
Adams Isaac  
Butterfield Reuben  
Bailey Geo. O.  
Barker Daniel  
Burtt Adolphus S.  
Blake Isaac W.  
Bagher David H.  
Blood Caleb  
Brown John  
Byam Marcus D.  
Barnett B. F.  
Bird Henry  
Brillon Jand B.  
Bosworth Geo. W.  
Blood Nathaniel  
Blood Charles A.  
Brown William  
Bird Charles T.  
Beane Elijah  
Blake Elephaleb  
Blake Edward  
Byam Stillman  
Burrows Wm F.  
Burbank Daniel W.  
Byam Solomon E.  
Blandell Joel  
Blandell Israel  
Birch Benjamin

Baldwin Amos R.  
Baldwin Benjamin Jr  
Blodgett Fred C. W.  
Brown Gardner H.  
Byam Wm A.  
Brooks Jacob  
Barns Israel P.  
Burton Dexter L.  
Byam Geo. E.  
Bickford Moses  
Blake Lyman  
Brown Alexander  
Butterfield Jonas C.  
Bradford Henry  
Brown Jacob P.  
Caldwell John  
Calcut Wm W.  
Collier Lyman  
Cole Wm E.  
Chamberlain Robt B. Jr  
Close Eben  
Crockett Carlsworth  
Crockett Nathaniel  
Charles Osgood  
Cory George  
Cook Nelson O.  
Crooker Isaac  
Colum ———  
Clark Carlos C.  
Cole Franklin  
Connelly James  
Cobb Aburston  
Cobb. Wilson  
Clark David P.  
Cochran E. L. P.  
Cross Charles  
Carlton Eli  
Cole Albest G.

Campbell John  
 Corey Schuyler C  
 Clark William  
 Coburn James B.  
 Chase John E  
 Ditson Samuel  
 Ditson Benjin  
 Dodge John  
 Downs Luther  
 Duffee Barney  
 Dexter Bartlett W.  
 Drake Nathaniel  
 Dudley Otis B.  
 Dorris Leiman  
 Dwyer Ephraim  
 Dean Alpha  
 Dwyer Theodore  
 Sutton Hildreth P.  
 Doremus Nathan P.  
 Dunn Simeon B.  
 Davis George  
 Davis Solomon A.  
 Durgin James  
 Eastman Geo. C.  
 Eastman Charles  
 Elliott Josiah  
 Elliott Nathan P.  
 Everett Henry  
 Emerson John B.  
 Edmunds P. D.  
 Edmunds T. S.  
 Eaton Saml. S.  
 Edwards Isaiah  
 Edwards Moses  
 Farnum Oliver  
 Furber Geo. D.  
 Furber Andrus S.  
 Frost Charles A.  
 Frost Levi

Henders Wm S.  
 Fletcher Wm  
 Fletcher Josiah R.  
 Fletcher John T.  
 Fletcher Samuel  
 Flagg Timothy  
 Foster Amos H.  
 Farr John H.  
 Graves Leбина  
 Graves Hugh  
 Gorman Patrick  
 Grow Alonzo  
 Grow Charles  
 Gould Wm  
 Green Wm  
 Godfrey Helen  
 Gilligham John  
 Hall Harrison  
 Herford Frederic  
 Howland Thos L.  
 Hamblitt William  
 Hamblitt Reuben  
 Huntingdon John  
 Hayward Samuel R.  
 Harding Moses  
 Holmes Jason F.  
 Harvey Desirand  
 Hyde Charles  
 Hyde George  
 Horn Noah  
 Hodges Benjin F.  
 Hunter Gilman  
 Hill Franklin  
 Howard Otis  
 Howard Samuel  
 Hallett Allen  
 Hildreth Benjin M.  
 Harwood Rufus  
 Hitchcock Lorenzo



|                                         |                       |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Howard Calvin                           | Mansfield Leonard J.  |
| Hodgeman Alvah                          | Mansfield Jeremiah C. |
| Healy Warren                            | Mathison Martin       |
| Harwood Otis A.                         | Moore Ephraim         |
| Jones Charles P.                        | Moore Archibell       |
| Jones Archibald R.                      | Maddely Francis       |
| Jones Isaac                             | Maddely John          |
| Johnson William                         | Marshall Eben H.      |
| Johnson Horace                          | Marshall Benjin B.    |
| Josselyn Edwin                          | Manning Jacob W.      |
| Kittredge Ephraim                       | Manning Theophilus    |
| Kittredge Joel C.                       | Mason Asa W.          |
| Keyer Marcus                            | Miller Samuel         |
| Kendall George                          | Nesmith Alphon.       |
| Kinniston Henry                         | Kutting Alden         |
| Kelley Carlton H.                       | Nichols Rodney        |
| Kelley Moses                            | Obear Thomas W.       |
| Kennon Willard M.                       | Obear Oliver          |
| Lindsay Nathaniel                       | Osgood Thos T.        |
| Lee Sylvester                           | Peach William         |
| Lee Jasher                              | Peach Jonathan        |
| Lathrop Isaac                           | Palmer Mose.          |
| Lathrop Welcome                         | Palmer Asa            |
| Moulton Eli                             | Page Charles          |
| Moulton John                            | Powell Leonard        |
| Martin Franklin                         | Peckins John D.       |
| Miles Albert                            | Pratt Wm A.           |
| Morse Simon                             | Prescott Alfred H.    |
| Marston Stephen                         | Pike James            |
| Marston James                           | Parkhurst Edwin H.    |
| Moore Thomas                            | Parkhurst John        |
| Munger Harvey                           | Perham David          |
| M <sup>c</sup> Daniels Eph <sup>m</sup> | Putnam Perry          |
| M <sup>c</sup> Entee James              | Proctor Charles       |
| M <sup>c</sup> Intire Warren            | Proctor Alfred        |
| M <sup>c</sup> Luttrell Amos            | Parkhurst Saml S.     |
| M <sup>c</sup> Luttrell Geo. W.         | Perham Perley P.      |
| M <sup>c</sup> Luttrell Salmon          | Perham Samuel P.      |
| Mansfield Isaph                         | Patten James          |

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Parker Joseph B.  
 Patton Samuel A.  
 Patton Dawson  
 Parker Henry S.  
 Proctor Henry B.  
 Pratt Joshua  
 Pierce Joseph B.  
 Putnam Israel  
 Parker Henry  
 Parker Willard  
 Proctor Calvin  
 Parkhurst John 2<sup>d</sup>  
 Parker Charles  
 Proctor Daniel jr  
 Robey Christopher  
 Ramsey Justin  
 Ripley Lewis  
 Richardson Tobias  
 Riddings Peter  
 Record Elisha  
 Rowe Franklin  
 Robbins Milo  
 Reene Thomas  
 Reed John  
 Smith Joseph W.  
 Spalding Shereliah jr  
 Sawyer Fredric T.  
 Spalding Ellbridge G.  
 Spalding Augustus E.  
 Sampson Albert  
 Spalding Asa  
 Spalding Ellbridge P.  
 Spalding Jonathan  
 Spalding Benj<sup>m</sup> J.  
 Sampson Albert  
 Sampson Seth  
 Sherman Charles H.  
 Sawyer Jerome  
 Smith John

Spalding Joel  
 Smith Elisha  
 Shorcy Samuel O.  
 Shaw Elisha  
 Simon Henry  
 Smith Leonard D.  
 Sweet William  
 Southland Henry  
 Sinclair Henry jr  
 Shed Joseph  
 Shed John S.  
 Shurtliff Ezekiel S.  
 Spalding Isaiah B.  
 Sumner Charles  
 Taylor Augustus  
 Tull Levi  
 Torrey F. B.  
 Torrey Joseph G.  
 Town John W.  
 Tarron John  
 Thomas Abram  
 Upham Ezra A.  
 Upham Clement  
 Upham Lorenzo  
 Winchester Benj<sup>m</sup> F.  
 Wiggin John W.  
 Woodbury Lemuel  
 Warden Allen  
 Whittmore James  
 Wilson Daniel  
 White Gilbert  
 Woodman Ellbridge G.  
 Woodman Benj<sup>m</sup> C.  
 Whitten Caleb C.  
 Woodward Horace W.  
 Watron James  
 Wentworth Allen  
 Wiggin Nathaniel  
 Whipple William



Williams Silas  
Woodward John  
Walker Benjin  
Westfall Hervey  
Woodward James G.  
White Charles Jr.  
Barren Edwin H.  
Wilkins John  
Wymouth Converse S.  
Wentworth James M.  
Wright —  
Woodward Hiram  
Wright Calvin T.  
Wyman Josiah A.  
Wyman Geo W.  
Young Charles

Oliver Adams }  
Joseph Reed } Sessions of  
Levi Parker } Stamford

Recorded by E. H. Webster Town Clerk

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*Warrant*  
Middlesx. ss. To Samuel P. Perham one of the  
Constables of the Town of Chelmsford in said County  
County

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
I do hereby command the Constable of said Town qualified by law to vote in town affairs,  
to meet at the Town Hall on Monday the thirtieth day  
of August instant at two O'Clock P.M. to act on the  
following articles viz:—

1<sup>st</sup> At the request of Bechiel Byam & others to see if the town  
will take any measures to prevent the granting or locating  
the contemplated new road as prayed for by Jonathan  
Hart & others, from Littleton to Chelmsford, starting course  
by the County Commissioners, by repairing, altering or  
amending the road as now running from the town line  
to the Centre Meeting House, or act anything in relation  
to the same.

2<sup>d</sup> To see if the town will choose a committee to request the  
County Commissioners at their next session, to postpone  
their decision respecting said contemplated new road  
to some future day.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting  
up copies of the same by you attested at the Meeting  
houses in said town hereafter named viz:— At the  
Centre Congregational, at the South Baptist, at North-  
Chelmsford & at Middlesx. Meeting Houses & also at  
the Tavern of Arnold Burth in said town so that the  
same may stand over two sabbaths previous to the time  
of holding the meeting aforesaid.

Hereof fail not, and make  
due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to  
ourselves at or before the time of holding the aforesaid Meeting  
Given under our hands & seals this sixteenth day of August, in  
the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred & forty seven

Otis Adams }  
Jepthiah Parker } Selectmen of  
3 Chelmsford



Middlebury Vt. Aug. 30. 1847 - I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at the public Meeting House as within named, and also at the town of Arnold Bust so that the same have stood over two sabbaths previous to the day of holding this Meeting

S. P. Perkins Constable of Chelmsford

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford qualified to vote in town affairs met at the Town Hall in said town on Monday Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> 1847 & proceeded as follows to wit:-

Chas. Linc Otis Adams Moderator

Voted 1. Choose a Committee to appear before the County Commissioners at their next session & request them to postpone the session in the said petitioned for by Jacob Hartwell & others to some future meeting or

Chas. Ezekiel Poyam Otis Adams & Joseph Perkins said Committee

Voted 2. resolution at Meeting

Otis Adams Moderator

Recorded by

E. F. Webster Town Clerk

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Warrant

Middlesex ss. To Samuel P. Perham one of the Constables  
of the Town of Chelmsford in said County

SS ) Greeting  
LS ) In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
LS ) you are hereby required to notify & warn the In-  
habitants of said town qualified by the Constitution  
to vote in Elections, to assemble at the Town Hall  
on Monday the 8th day of November next at  
nine O. Clock in the forenoon to bring in their votes  
to the Selectmen for Governor & Lieutenant Governor  
for the Commonwealth & for six Senators to the  
next General Court for the District of Middlesex  
on one ballot. Also to bring in their votes  
as aforesaid for some suitable persons to represent  
the town at the next General Court, to be holden  
at Boston on the first Wednesday of January  
next -

The Polls to be opened at ten O. Clock A.M.  
And you are required to serve this Warrant by  
posting up copies thereof by you attested at the  
following Meeting Houses in said Town viz. The Centre,  
South Baptist. North Chelmsford & Middlesex, and also  
at the Tavern of Arnold Burto, so that the same  
may stand two Sabbaths at least previous to the  
time of holding said Meeting

Hereof fail not,  
and make due return of this Warrant with your  
doing thereon to ourselves at the time & place  
of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands & seals this twenty  
fifth day of October in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred & forty seven

Otis Adams } Selectmen  
Joseph Reed } of  
Jephthah Parker } Chelmsford

Middlesex ss. Chelmsford Nov. 8th 1847 - I have served  
the within warrant by posting up attested copies of



The same at each of the public meeting houses as within named and also at the Tavern of Arnold Bush so that the same have stood fourteen days previous to the day of holding this Meeting

S. P. Perham Constable of  
Chelmsford

### Commonwealth of Massachusetts

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford qualified to vote in Elections held at the Town Hall in said town on Monday the Eighth day of November A.D. 1847 the following proceedings were had to wit:

Opened the Polls for receiving the votes for Governor Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth & for Representatives for the District of Middlesex, all on one ballot at 10 O'clock A.M. also at the same time the Polls were opened for the choice of a town Representative to the next General Court.

At 3 O'clock P.M. the Polls were closed for Town Representation & the whole number of votes for representation were three hundred and twenty three - Necessary for a choice 162 Harvey Silver had 168 votes & was chosen & accepted -

|                            |     |     |       |
|----------------------------|-----|-----|-------|
| Albert Graves              | had | 145 | votes |
| Daniel Parker              | "   | 6   | "     |
| Joseph Manning             | "   | 2   | "     |
| Joseph B. Pierce           | "   | 1   | "     |
| Asa Hodgman 2 <sup>d</sup> | "   | 1   | "     |

H. Silver's majority 13

At 1/2 past 3 O'clock closed the Polls for State & District officers & after sorting <sup>recording</sup> counting & decerning the votes as by law is directed & sealing up the returns to be sent to the State department the meeting was dismissed

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the  
 Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex  
 and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by  
 the Constitution to vote for Governor & Lieutenant  
 Governor, holden on the Eighth day of November  
 being the second Monday of said Month, in the year  
 of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and  
 forty seven for the purpose of giving in their votes  
 for Governor & Lieutenant Governor of said Com=  
 monwealth, the whole number of persons who gave  
 in their votes was ascertained, as is directed in the  
 Revised Statutes (Chap. 4. Sec. 13) by counting the  
 whole number of separate ballots given in; and the  
 whole number of ballots was Three hundred &  
 thirty seven

And the whole number of votes given in for  
 Governor were sorted, counted & recorded, and  
 declaration thereof made as by the Constitution  
 is directed; and said votes were for the following  
 persons viz:—

Calix Cushing had one hundred & seventy four

Geo. N. Briggs - one hundred & fifty six

Samuel E. Sewall - seven

For Governor



## Commonwealth of Massachusetts

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex & Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor & Lieutenant Governor holden on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, being the second Monday of said Month, in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred & forty seven for the purpose of giving in their votes, for Governor & Lieutenant Governor of said Commonwealth the whole number of persons who gave in their votes, was ascertained, as is directed in the Revised Statute Chap. 11, Sec. 13) by counting the whole number of separate ballots given in; and the whole number of ballots was three hundred and thirty seven

And the whole number of votes given in for Lieutenant Governor were sorted, counted & recorded, and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed; and said votes were for the following persons; viz: —

|                   |   |                                       |              |
|-------------------|---|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| For<br>Lieut Gov. | } | H. W. Cushman had one hundred and     | }            |
|                   |   |                                       | Seventy four |
|                   | } | John Reed had one hundred & fifty six |              |
|                   |   | John C. Brewster had seven            |              |

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Shelburne in the County of Middlesex & Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Senators to hold on the eighth day of November being the second Monday of said Month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty seven, for the purpose of giving in their votes for Senators for the district of Middlesex, the whole number of persons who gave in their votes was ascertained as is directed in the Revised Statutes, (Chap. 4. Sec. 13.) by counting the number of separate ballots given in; and the whole number of ballots given in was Three hundred & thirty Eight.

And the whole number of votes were sorted, counted, and recorded, and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed; and said votes were for the following persons; viz.

|                          |                            |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Luke Wellington had.     | One hundred & seventy five |
| Alpheus R. Brown "       | One hundred & seventy five |
| Benjamin Muzzy "         | One hundred & seventy five |
| Timothy Flitcher "       | One hundred & seventy five |
| Bradford Russell "       | One hundred & seventy five |
| Joseph T. Buckingham "   | One hundred & fifty six    |
| Calvin Shepard "         | One hundred & fifty six    |
| David Heard "            | One hundred & fifty six    |
| Albert H. Nelson "       | One hundred & fifty six    |
| Jephiah Wentworth "      | One hundred & thirty five  |
| Christopher W. Bellows " | One hundred & thirty six   |
| James T. Woodbury "      | Seven                      |
| David Goodale "          | Seven                      |
| Charles Forster "        | Seven                      |
| Otis Petter "            | Seven                      |
| Geo. Whitcomb "          | Seven                      |
| Jonas Patch "            | Seven                      |
| Elisha Huntington "      | Ten                        |
| Horace Spencer "         | Ten                        |
| Samuel S. Richardson     | one                        |



Warrant,

- (L.S.) Middlesex } To either of the Constables of the Town of  
(L.S.) Chelmsford }  
(L.S.) In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify & warn the Selectmen of said Town, to assemble by law held in town affairs, to assemble at the Town Hall in said town on Wednesday the 11th day of March next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, there to act on the following articles viz:—
- 1 To choose a Moderator
  - 2 To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing,
  - 3 To bring in their votes for Treasurer for the County of Middlesex
  - 4 To hear the Reports of any Committees that may have been chosen at former meetings of the Town, and act thereon
  - 5 To take into consideration the motion of the County Commissioners of the laying out of a Road Prayed for from near Hartwell and others and act thereon —

And you are directed to serve this warrant by putting up copies of the same as follows viz: one at the Centre Meeting House, at North Chelmsford Meeting House, at Middlesex & South Baptist Meeting Houses, and at the Town of Arnold Burto. So that the same may stand two Sabbaths previous to the time of holding the aforesaid meeting. And if fail not to make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the time of holding the Meeting aforesaid —

Given under our hands & seals this nineteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and forty eight

Chas Adams

Joseph Reed } Selectmen of  
Leopold Parker } Chelmsford

Middlesex - March 6. 1848. I have served the within warrant by putting up attested copies of the same at each of the public Houses as within named, so that the same have stood fourteen days previous to the day of holding this meeting

J. P. Perkins, Constable of  
Chelmsford

At a legal meeting of the Freeholders of the Town of Shelburne in the County of Middlesex, being the annual meeting for the choice of Town officers holden on the 6th day of March A.D. 1848 the qualified voters of said town gave in their vote for a County Treasurer which being sorted and counted in an open town meeting by the Moderator thereof & the Town Clerk were for the following persons, viz:-

For Studman Buttrick one hundred & fourteen votes ~~114~~  
being the whole number of votes cast

Attest

E. F. Webster Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Freeholders of the town of Shelburne qualified to vote in town affairs  
legally called & held on Monday the 6th day of March 1848  
the following votes were passed & proceedings had to wit:-  
Chose Dea. Otis Adams Moderator  
Chose E. F. Webster Clerk, who was duly sworn by the Moderator in open town meeting - The whole number of votes was 119 - E. F. Webster had 66. S. S. Parkhurst had 53 -  
Chose Otis Adams Joseph Reed & Joseph Parker Selectmen  
Joseph Parker declined serving  
Chose Levi Hadgeman Joseph Manning & Sherbink Spalding Jr.  
Overseers of the Poor - Who all declined  
Chose Joseph Manning Town Treasurer  
Voted to adjourn the meeting 45 minutes to assemble again at 15 minutes before one o'clock P.M.

Met according to adjournment -

Voted To choose 2 Constables

Chose John Scism and Wm H. Clark Constables

Voted To add one more to the Constable list

Chose Charles Proctor

Chose Sherbink Spalding Jr Benjamin F. Hodge, &  
Reuben Parkhurst Overseers of the Poor

Chose Freden W. Blodgett Selectman - who declined

Closed the Polls for County Treasurer - whole no. of votes 114

Studman Buttrick had 114 votes

Chose David Stetson - Joseph Reed - & Asahel Moore

Calvin S. Wright - Edwin H. Warner - Thomas



Marshall - Isaiah Spalding - Charles Sweet  
Nathan Tyler - Christopher Roby & Joseph Manning  
Highway Surveyors

Those Arnold Barker H. B. Proctor - Foreman H. Ellyrich &  
Joseph W. Smith, Viewers of Hay

Those H. B. Proctor - Samuel Howard - Geo. W. Bosworth - Eben  
Carodry - S. S. Persham - Thomas W. O'Leary - Theophilus Manning  
Abiel Adams - Nathaniel Lindsey - Geo. D. Furler &  
David R. Clark - Field Drivers

Those David Litcher, Parker Galtan, Abiel Adams & Elijah Beane  
Farm Viewers

Those David H. Ellyrich - Charles Proctor - Joseph Adams  
Lawson Pollard - E. P. Parker - S. P. Hadley - John S. Shed  
Josiah K. Parkhurst - Stephen Bower - John  
Stearns - Stillman Byam - Jonathan Larson - James  
Whittemore - Surveyors of Land

Those Abiel Adams - E. P. Parker - S. S. Parkhurst - S. P. Hadley  
Wm Sweet - James Whittemore - Joseph Adams - Geo. W.  
Woodward - Thomas Marshall - Stephen Spalding  
Frederic T. Sawyer - Foreman H. Ellyrich - Lawson Pollard  
& Alfred Proctor - Viewers of Wood & Bark,

Those Elisha Shaw - Selectman who accepted

Voted To take up the 5th article in the warrant

Voted To Choose a Committee of 5 persons to oppose the laying out  
of the road petitioned for by Jonathan Harwell & others

Those General Benjamin Adams - Ezra Hodgman 2d - Ezekiel Byam  
Joseph Warren & Daniel Proctor said Committee

Voted To instruct the Committee to circulate verso. notices against the  
said road in the Towns of Acton - Littleton & such other towns  
as they may think proper

Voted That the Clerk be requested to furnish the Committee  
with <sup>a schedule of</sup> all the expenses which have accrued in consequence  
of roads leading to Lowell since that town was incorporated.

Voted To take the minds of all present at this meeting by  
a rising vote, for & against the Littleton Road.  
The result of the above vote was 121 against &  
none in favor of the road

Voted To Choose a Committee of one from each school  
district to assist in procuring signatures to the  
demonstrations

Chose W<sup>m</sup> Fletcher Clement Nephew Oliver Adams  
 Thomas Marshall & Stephen Spalding for  
 the South & Lewis & Sanger & W<sup>m</sup> S. Standen

Called the Roll for School Committee whole no of votes  
 76 necessary for a choice 36 no one had that number  
 of course there was no choice

Voted to postpone the choice of School Committee until  
 April meeting

Voted to choose a committee of three persons to settle with the  
 Treasurer prior to the next annual March meeting

Chose Joseph Manning & Ira Hadgeman & Daniel Parker  
 by. said committee

Chose Ira Hadgeman 2<sup>d</sup> Joseph Manning & Joseph Manning  
 a committee to appraise the property at the towns farm

Heard the Report of the Committee to settle with the Treasurer

Voted to accept the Report

Heard the Report of the Overseers of the Poor

Voted to accept their Report

Heard the Report of the Committee to appraise the Property at  
 the Shushouse & farm

Voted to accept the Report

Voted to dissolve the Meeting

Oliver Adams Moderator

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk



Officers chosen March 6<sup>th</sup> 1848 & the same  
of the time when sworn, of such an oath is by law required

C. F. Webster Town Clerk Sworn March 6. 1848

Wm Adams } Selectmen  
Joseph Reed }  
Crista Shaw } Assessors

Joseph Manning - Treasurer

Sworn March 6. 1848

Joseph Reed

Spencer Moore  
Solomon E. Bygones appointed April 24, 1848  
Edward Little

Edwin H. Warren Sworn March 6. 1848

Thomas Marshall

Isaiah Spalding

Charles Swift

Nathan Tyler

Christopher Roby

Sworn April 3. 1848

Joseph Manning

John Scism } Sworn April 3. 1848

Wm H. Clark } Sworn March 6. 1848

Charles Proctor } " " " "

Arnold Burth }

H. B. Proctor }

Freeman H. Myrick } Sworn March 6. 1848

Joseph W. Smith }

H. B. Proctor }

Samuel Howard }

Gro. W. Basworth }

Elem Cowdry }

S. P. Perham }

Thos. W. O'bean }

Theophilus Manning }

Wm Adams }

Nathan Lindsey } Sworn March 7. 1848

George D. Furler }

David P. Clark }

Highway Surveyors

Constables

Highway

Drivers

Jurors  
 Jurors

Laurel Fletcher }  
 Parker Dutton }  
 Oliver Adams }  
 Elijah Beane }

Servants of Justice  
 Servants of Justice

Freeman H. Myrick

Charles Proctor

Joseph Adams

Samuel Pollard

E. Parker

S. P. Hadley

sworn April 3. 48

J. S. Shed

J. K. Parkhurst

Alphus Bowers

sworn March 6. 1848

Lawrence Stevens

William Bryan

John Larcom

James Whittier

Oliver Adams

E. P. Parker

S. S. Parkhurst

S. P. Hadley

sworn April 3. 48

H. M. Sweet

James Whittier

Joseph Adams

Geo. W. Woodward

Thomas Marshall

Alphus Spalding

Fred & T. Sawyer

F. H. Myrick

Lawson Pollard

Alfred Proctor

Witnesses of Peace  
 Witnesses of Peace

Sherbish Spalding jr } Overseers of the  
 Sewall Parkhurst } Poor  
 Benj<sup>n</sup> F. Hodge }

H. R. Dutton Collector of Taxes

sworn April 3. 48 sworn May 30. 48



# Report of the Overseers of the Poor 1847 & 1848

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Report of the Overseers of the Poor for the year  
ending March 6. 1848 -

Recd of the Town Treasr 76.00

" from Proceeds of <sup>Establishment</sup> Almshouse } 694.11

Total Recd - - - - \$ 1394.11

Paid for Stock, tools, provisions & clothing }  
Medical attendance &c } 963.31

" State Lunatic Hospital 271.00

" Interest on borrowed money 6.31

" Overseers for their services 43.00

" Sundry small bills 30.33

" Cynthia Laper 55.30

1394.01

Due Superintendent 250.00 } 310.17

" State Lunatic Hospital 60.67 } - - - -

Total Expens - - - - \$ 1704.74

From which deduct Receipts - - - - 1394.11

Balance \$ 310.63

There is due from Saml Davis, Jr. 12.14

" " Cash on hand 89.09 } 101.21

Leaving a balance against the Town of \$ 209.42

Whole number of Paupers assisted 30

" " " " " 19

Respectfully Submitted by

Asa Hodgman 2<sup>d</sup>

Joseph Manning

Shenwich Spalding } Overseers  
of the Poor

Accepted March 6. 1848

# 282 Annual Settlement with the Treasurer 1848

Joseph Manning chosen by the Town of Chelmsford to make the annual Settlement - with the Town Treasurer for the year ending March 6<sup>th</sup> 1848; having attended to that duty ask leave to report as follows viz:-

|                                              |            |
|----------------------------------------------|------------|
| Balance at the last annual Settlement - of   | 790.79     |
| Received of Israel Putnam Collector for 1847 | 3826.91    |
| of State Treasurer, School fund              | 99.32      |
| " " " " Pauper money                         | 18.20      |
| " of Dr. P. Adams for use of Town Hall       | 83         |
| Accounting to                                | \$ 4736.25 |
| is Credited by Sundry }<br>Town Orders }     | \$3505.66  |
| Cash on hand                                 | 1230.59    |
| Accounting to                                | \$ 4736.25 |

The above is respectfully submitted

by Joseph Manning }  
Asa Hodgman 2<sup>d</sup> } Committee  
Daniel Parker }

Assented to by Joseph Manning Treasurer

The Committee would also report, that they have ascertained as near as possible the amount the Town is in debt over and above its available means

|                                                |            |
|------------------------------------------------|------------|
| [There are now outstanding] Orders on Interest | \$1602.94  |
| Interest due on the same                       | 88.68      |
| Orders not on Interest                         | 170.02     |
| Estimated bills against the town               | 624.97     |
|                                                | \$ 2486.61 |

|                                              |         |
|----------------------------------------------|---------|
| Cash in hands of Treasurer                   | 1230.59 |
| Due from I. Putnam }<br>Collector for 1847 } | 53.74   |
| Estimated State Pauper money                 | 75.00   |
|                                              | 1359.33 |

Leaving a balance against the town of \$ 1127.25

Joseph Manning }  
Asa Hodgman } Committee  
Daniel Parker }

Chelmsford March 4<sup>th</sup> 1848

Accepted March 6<sup>th</sup> 1848



Warrant

Middlesex vs To Charles Butler one of the Justices  
 S.S. ) of the Town of Chelmsford - Greeting  
 L.S. ) In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you  
 L.S. ) are hereby required to notify & warn the Town of Middlesex  
 Town qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town  
 Hall on Monday the third day of April next at 10 o'clock  
 of the clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator
- 2<sup>nd</sup> To fill all vacant Town offices
- 3<sup>rd</sup> To raise money for the support of Schools, the Poor  
 Roads & all other Town Charges
- 4<sup>th</sup> To see in what way & manner the Roads & Bridges  
 shall be repaired the ensuing year
- 5<sup>th</sup> To hear the Report of the School Committee and all  
 committees that have been chosen during the past or  
 present year, and act thereon
- 6<sup>th</sup> To let out the Collection of Taxes for the year ensuing
- 7<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will discontinue the old Road from  
 near the house of Thomas T. Osgood, over Keyes Bridge  
 (so called) to Westford (and act on any thing in relation  
 to the same)

8<sup>th</sup> At the request of certain individuals - To see if  
 the Town will investigate the necessity of certain improvements &  
 cause them to be carried into effect if deemed necessary  
 in the Roads near the house of Joseph G. Torrey, or at other

And you are directed to serve this Warrant  
 by posting up copies of the same as follows viz:-  
 one at the Centre Congregational Meeting House - one at  
 the Meeting House at Middlesex Village - one at the  
 South Baptist - One at the North Chelmsford Meet-  
 ing house & one at the Tavern of Arnold Bart-  
 said Tavern, so that the same may stand over two  
 Sabbaths previous to the time of holding the aforesaid  
 meeting - Given under our hands & seals this Eighteenth  
 day of March in the year of our Lord, one thousand Eight  
 hundred & forty Eight

Oliver Adams } Selectmen  
 Joseph Reed }  
 Elisha Shaw } Chelmsford

2811 Constable's Return at Danvers succeeded in the  
preceding page (to wit page 283)

Middlesex 1848 March 25<sup>th</sup> 1848. I have served  
this within warrant by posting up attested Copies of  
the same as follows viz one at the Central Congregational  
Meeting house, one at the Meeting house at Middlesex Village  
one at the South Baptist Meeting house & one at the North  
Chelmsford Meeting house and one at the Tavern of Annele  
Bent of said, so that the same may stand over two  
Sabbaths before the time of holding their Meeting  
Charles Proctor Constable of Chelmsford

### Town Meeting is April 3. 1848

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford  
held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April 1848. pursuant to the preceding  
warrant the following votes were passed & proceedings had

Chose Otis Adams Moderator

Chose Isaac B. Wright, Highway surveyor in place of Calvin  
T. Wright who refused to serve

Voted to choose a School Committee to consist of three persons

Ballotted for School Committee & on counting & sorting the votes it  
was ascertained that the whole no. of ballots was 40. making  
it necessary for a choice. Otis Adams had 30. E. F.  
Wheeler 28 & were chosen. Joseph Reed had 13 -  
Rev. John Parkhurst 13. Rev. B. F. Clark 11. D. N. B. Edwards  
11. & J. C. Bartlett 11.

E. F. Wheeler declined serving

Ballotted again for 2 School Committee when on  
sorting & counting the votes it was found that  
Rev. John Parkhurst & Joseph Reed were chosen  
(nearly unanimously)

Voted to raise the sum of fifteen hundred dollars for  
the support of Schools \$1500.

Voted to raise nine hundred dollars for the support of the Poor \$900

Voted to raise 600 dollars for the support of roads & Bridges \$600

Voted to raise 1600 dollars for incidental charges

Voted that the roads & Bridges be repaired in the usual  
manner

Heard the Report of the School Committee

Voted to accept the report



Read the Report of the Committee on the Hardwell Road  
Voted to accept the Report.

Voted that the Committee appointed at the last annual meeting  
to oppose the road petitioned for by Jonathan Hartwell  
& others, be instructed to use their discretion in further  
opposing said road either by procuring a jury or  
otherwise.

Voted that the Collection of taxes be let out on the same  
regulations & restrictions as ordered last year.

Voted to reconsider the last mentioned vote.

Voted that the Collection of taxes be let out to the  
lowest bidder whom the town will accept under  
the following restrictions & regulations to wit:  
That 500 dollars be collected & paid into the Treasury  
on or before the first day of August next -  
500 dollars, on or before the first day of November  
next & the residue on or before the Friday  
next preceeding the first Monday of March  
next.

The Collection of taxes was then set up at auction accord-  
ing to the foregoing provisions, and were bid off  
by Hildroth P. Dutton at 2 Cents on the dollar.

Chose H. P. Dutton Collector.

Voted that the road specified in the 7<sup>th</sup> Article of the  
Warrant for this meeting be discontinued.

Voted that the subject of the 8<sup>th</sup> Article be referred to the  
Selectmen.

Deac Otis Adams declined standing as School  
Committee.

Chose Rev. B. F. Clark - whole no. of votes 13. B. F. Clarke 7

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Otis Adams Moderator

Recorded by E. F. Webster, Town Clerk

# 286 Report of the Committee on the Hartwell Road

The Committee on the Hartwell Road, meeting & appearing before County Commissioners to oppose the laying out of a Road prayed for by Jonathan Hartwell & others - Your Committee did appear and asked for a rehearing which was refused by said Commissioners, Your Committee ask for further instruction

|                 |             |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Benjamin Adams  | } Committee |
| Isa Hodgman     |             |
| Isaiah Bryan    |             |
| Joseph Warrapji |             |

## Report of the School Committee for 1847

To the Town of Chelmsford

Your School Committee for the School year 1847/8 in submitting this their annual report, have to present before you, about the usual variety of good & indifferent success by the different Teachers in the different schools. While the Committee are not infallible, & the Teachers must fall short of perfection there must be different degrees of attainment in the different schools, both in moral & intellectual culture. With the most favorable combination of qualification & circumstances, there are to be observed deficiencies, more or less strongly marked, in the character of individual scholars & schools.

Two things are indispensable to the highest desirable improvement to be obtained from schools - First, suitable qualifications on the part of teachers & taught - and Second - a due degree of interest & consequent cooperation on the part of Parents & Scholars. If the teacher be deficient in any one qualification, there will be a manifest corresponding defect in the school, over which he may preside - Although his mind be stored with even much more knowledge of Books than is essential as a teacher of a district school, yet without energy & decision of Character, without a system of instruction & government,



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without proper moral qualifications, without an interest in his  
business, & a desire to make it profitable to others as well as to him-  
self, his school will fall short of what it might & should  
have been under more favorable circumstances. Some  
of these defects can only be ascertained by a personal examina-  
tion of the teacher while engaged in the active duties of his  
calling. Hence teachers are sometimes appointed who are  
not competent for the business entrusted to their care. On  
the other hand, if, from prejudice against the teacher or  
school, or any other cause, there is a want of hearty cooperation  
on the part of children or parents, the best directed efforts  
of the best of teachers may fail to bring about the desired  
results. The teacher may exert himself to the utmost, but  
unless the scholar makes an effort to learn, in his time  
& thoughts to the acquisition of knowledge, it will be to no  
avail, & strength spent for naught. So Parents, by their  
example or precept may counteract almost entirely the good  
effects which would otherwise result from the teacher's labors.

The Committee think, that notwithstanding, there have  
been some partial failures, the money has, on the whole,  
been as advantageously expended, as usual. The schools have  
presented evidences of very commendable improvement. After  
the organization of the Committee, in the Spring of 1847, the  
Summer schools were divided into three classes, one containing  
three schools & the other two, four each, to be visited respectively  
by one member of the Committee at the Commencement & close  
& oftener if thought advisable. The winter schools were divi-  
ded into two classes of six schools each, all of which were  
to be visited at their Commencement & close by the Secretary  
& each division by one of the other members, so that the  
Secretary has visited as many schools in the Summer as either  
of the others & in the winter twice as many as either. Added  
to this, that the Secretary has found conveyance for one  
of the other members entirely, his bill will be found, this  
year as last, somewhat higher than either of the other mem-  
bers Committee.

Dist No. 1 - The summer school in District No. 1 was not so good  
as it should have been, owing to the inexperience of the teacher.  
This being her first attempt to manage a district school.

Little progress was made in any of the branches, & the teacher & pupils failed to attain that interest in each other which is essential to a successful school. The failure in this school leads to the suggestion of the importance of employing in all the larger schools, teachers who have already established for themselves, a reputation for capacity, both to teach & to govern, since the larger a school may be, the more varied the tempers & talents of the scholars who compose it, & the task of the teacher proportionally more difficult. This teacher, at his examination gave evidence of a thorough acquaintance with his books, but in his school, evinced a want of knowledge of human nature at least, so far as to be unable to keep within proper restraints those who were committed to his charge.

The primary department of the winter school was taught by one belonging to our own town, who has been successfully employed in teaching the two previous summers. From what the Committee knew of his former success, & the promising appearances at the first examination, they expected a rich treat at the close; nor were their expectations unrealized. The scholars though small, gave evidence of having been carefully & faithfully trained, not only in their lessons, but in their deportment in & about school. Every inch of ground gone over seemed to have been thoroughly surveyed, & a knowledge of it stored in that treasure house of the mind, the memory. The reading, that foundation of a good education, would have given credit to a professed teacher of Elocution. The Committee were highly gratified with the appearance of the school, & if countenances are any indices of the internal workings of the mind, the thirty three spectators present, partook with them in this gratification.

The large department of No. 1, was taught by one who "gained a good report" by his very successful labors in one of our schools the winter previous. The scholars gave evidence of commendable improvement during the winter, & though we should have been glad to have seen a little more readings on the part of some, to apply the rules to practice. The rules are all important, but without a capacity to apply them to practice, they are like a valuable machine in the hands of one who knows not how to work it. Perhaps



a more thorough review would have remedied this deficiency

The whole number of scholars belonging to the School in summer 67. Average attendance 48. Whole No. in primary Department of winter School 44. Average attendance  $39\frac{1}{3}$ . Whole No. in large Department 34. Average attendance 30, 075.

No. 2 - The summer Term of No. 2 was taught by a daughter of one of our own townsmen, who here made her first effort at teaching a public school. The scholars gave evidence of very commendable improvement, although the Committee think that more thoroughness in what is gone over in most of our schools, would result in the greater good to the scholars & little thoroughly learned, is preferable to much, only half understood. The winter term was taught by one who brought with him the advantages of considerable experience, & who knew how to profit by that experience.

Although the School was dismissed one week during the term & the teacher declared he had been unable to do justice to the School much of the time from ill health, the examination at the close evidenced that the time and money had not been thrown away. Great praise is due the district for the interest felt in the School manifested by the purchase, by subscription, of a set of Mitchell's outline Maps which were put into the School during the first few weeks of the term. The recitations from these Maps at the closing examination, indicated not only an introduction of the Maps to the School, but a pretty thorough individual acquaintance with them on the part of the scholars. - Our Committee think it would be a profitable investment of money if the town would purchase a set for each school district in town, as they are now offered at a much cheaper rate than formerly, & they would be of great service to the schools for several years. There are many advantages resulting from this method of learning Geography which the Committee will not stop to enumerate. Whole No. of scholars belonging to the Summer School 29. Average attendance 22. Whole No. belonging to the winter School 31. Average attendance 28.

No. 3 - The summer term of this school was an excellent example of what can be accomplished by good intellect, well disciplined.

The teacher evidently had a well settled plan for the management of his school, & this plan commended itself to the pupils by its simplicity & adaptation to their wants. The natural results were a strong mutual attachment between the teacher & his scholars, & a very great improvement in the school. The reading in this school was excellent, & it was evident that it had received the attention which its importance demanded —

The winter term of No. 3, was taught by a young man who passed a very good examination before the Committee — At their first visit to the school they had some fears that his course of instruction was not going to be sufficiently thorough, & his order seemed to be a little deficient — Kind suggestions to this effect were made to him & at the closing examination, indubitable evidence was presented that the scholars had been most faithfully drilled in the various branches of study to which they had attended — Whole no. of scholars in summer 37. Average attendance 30  $\frac{2413}{2533}$  — Whole no. in winter 47. Average attendance 41, 45

No. 4. The appearance of the school in Dist No. 4, was creditable both to teacher & scholars — The method of instruction was simple but thorough & the progress of the pupils satisfactory. If any deficiency existed it was in the Reading, a branch of education, which, while it lies at the foundation of all the other branches, is but too often neglected in our common schools — The winter term of No. 4, was taught by one of the fathers in our schools, & whose years are sufficient that his own grandchildren might be recorded among his pupils — With an experience so extensive & a reputation so well established, the result of the winter's labors could not be doubtful. The scholars gave evidence of having employed their time faithfully during the term of school — Some of the classes in Geography gave evidence of a want of thorough acquaintance of the relative positions of Countries & places — Whole no. of scholars in summer 22. Average attendance 19.974 — Whole no. in winter 32. Average attendance 25.011

No. 5. The teacher of this school has the faculty of exciting an active interest in the minds of his scholars, & is herself very desirous that they should advance rapidly in



in their studies. Under such circumstances, inasmuch as, must of course, be made: - But it would be unjust both to teacher & pupils to judge of the real condition of the School by its appearance at the visitation of the Committee at its close. Owing to a misunderstanding of the wishes of the teacher, the Committee visited the School at the time when many of the Scholars were absent, & the minds of those present were so much taken up with the preparations for a picnic, which were going on in a neighboring grove, that but little interest was felt by them in the exercises within doors. As an evidence of the satisfaction on the part of the District, the same teacher was employed for the winter School. There has been a marked deficiency, in reading, especially among the smaller classes of this School. The Committee, at the first examination, called the attention of the teacher to this important branch of education, & suggested the importance of devoting more than ordinary attention to this subject. - At the Close of the School, they found that the suggestion had not been disregarded, & the smaller classes especially gave evidence of very great improvement in this fundamental branch of Education - Very creditable improvement had also been made in the studies pursued. The order fell considerably short of what is desirable. Whole No. of Scholars in Winter 32. Average attendance 27, 82 Whole no, in Summer 26 - average attendance 19, 002

No. 6. The summer School in this district was taught by a young Lady who here made her first attempts at the business. Although the material for School, in this district was very small, the few who enjoyed the benefits of the school made commendable improvements in their studies.

The winter School of this district was also taught by a new beginner in the business who met with very commendable success in this his first effort. The first class in Arithmetic especially gave evidence of a very thorough acquaintance with the different rules they had studied, & a capacity to apply the rules to practical use. Whole no. of scholars, belonging to the Summer School 14. Average attendance 8.7. Whole no. in Winter 14. average attendance 13. <sup>32</sup>/<sub>1202</sub>

No. 7. The summer term of this School was taught by a young Lady

of an over town, who first commenced the duties of a teacher of a public school during the summer. Although the school was small, yet the material was well used & the time faithfully employed, as the closing examination clearly proved. There was evidently a system of thorough instruction which is desired in all our schools. The scholars knew what they had learned & were ready to give a reason for the answers they gave. Several scholars attended the school from out of town which was a decided benefit to the school, as the limits of the district do not afford hardly scholars enough to render the school interesting. The winter term of this school was taught by the same young man who was employed to teach the school the winter previous.

There was evidence at the closing examination, of commendable improvement, although there seemed a lack of energy & animation on the part of the teacher; and as these defects seem to be somewhat infectious, the scholars did not seem to manifest so much life & animation in their studies & recitations, as they have at some previous examinations.

If a teacher enters with a spirit & ardor upon his duties in the school room, & have perseverance to keep up his own energetic efforts, the most stupid & lifeless boy may receive an impulse from his example & seem to be animated almost to new life, & make progress at which himself will be almost astonished. If the reverse is true of a teacher, the same will be true to a greater or less extent with the scholars.

The most fiery & ardent will find their fire diminishing, & their ardor abating without a suitable person to direct their praiseworthy efforts. The presence or absence of these traits in a teacher will effect a wonderful difference in the general character of the school.

Whole no. of scholars belonging to the school in summer 21. Average attendance 13+. Whole no. of scholars in winter 24. Average attendance 18.

No. 8. The summer school in this district was taught by the same person who taught it the summer previous, & who has the offer of it the approaching term. These facts are a plain indication that the teacher gave satisfaction to her employers. In the opinion of the Committee, she was faithful & successful.



in the department in which she was engaged

The winter term was commenced by the same individual who taught the School the previous winter. After teaching about 5 weeks, he was obliged to leave the School on account of sickness. After a vacation of 3 weeks the school was again commenced by an experienced teacher from a neighboring town, by whom it was finished. Owing to the interruption of the School from sickness of the teacher & some other unfavorable circumstances, the scholars did not make that progress in their studies which was desirable, although the closing examination gave evidence of commendable improvement on the part of some of the scholars. — Whole No. of scholars belonging to the school in summer was 38. The average attendance was 28. — Whole no. of scholars in the winter was 59. Average attendance 32

The Committee can but think that both the Location & construction of this School house are unfavorable to the greatest good to be derived from a School. — Its proximity to the road is such that every passer by is distinctly heard within the house, & in summer, when the windows are raised, the School house is liable to be filled with a cloud of dust whenever the wind blows, or a traveller approaches.

Then when there is mud in the street, the scholars go directly from the School room into the mud. The seats are so high & the windows so low, that the attention of the scholars is very liable to be drawn from their lessons to passing events out of doors. The jackknife has too often been a companion of the school boy in his labors, & the benches are in consequence much out of repair, & getting to be unfit for the use for which they were originally constructed. The arrangement of the seats too, is very unfortunate, as the teacher can not possibly have all the scholars within the range of his vision at one time, thereby offering too strong temptations to mischief.

It is to be hoped that the district will take into serious consideration the subject of reforming the old school house, as it is now the only one in town which falls short of respectability.

No. 9. The summer school in this district was taught by the same

Person who taught it the summer previous - The teacher was well qualified for the task & the closing examination afforded the Committee satisfactory evidence of his faithfulness.

The winter term was taught by the same Gentleman who has been employed in the School the two previous winters, which evinced satisfaction on the part of the District. The closing examination of the School gave gratifying evidence of an increased interest in the School on the part of parents & children & a corresponding improvement in the studies to which their attention had been directed during the winter. The order and recitations were of such a character as to convince the Committee that their time & attention had been devoted to the improvement of their intellectual faculties, while the general deportment had not been neglected. In no school, perhaps, has there been so decided an improvement in the attendance of the scholars both with reference to their constancy & punctuality, the School having been the most faulty in this respect.

The face of the Register of the past winter was much cleaner than they will average, if not less so than any other in town. Twenty seven of Sixty Eight Scholars had not been absent a single half day, & the length of the school was 3 months & 2 weeks, while 49 had not been tardy, & the average attendance was 63. This great improvement was brought about by the coöperation of teacher, Parents & scholars, & shows how much may be done when all have a mind to do their best. The Committee have been gratified to notice an improvement in the appearance of several of the Registers, & can but hope that there will be a constant increase of regularity & punctuality in the attendance of scholars, so that the greatest possible amount of good may be derived from our Public Schools. Whole no. belonging to the Summer School 71. Average attendance 45  
Whole no. in Winter 68. Average attendance 63.

No. 10. The summer term of the School in Dist No. 10, was taught by a young lady from a neighboring town whose success both in teaching & governing, we hope will be followed by repeated efforts to benefit the rising generation. The closing examination gave evidence of faithfulness on the part of teacher & scholars.



The winter term was taught by the same individual who had charge of the school the previous winter & summer preceding it. The committee were happy to notice improvement on the part of both teacher & scholars, while the closing examination proved that the term of school had not been passed in a profitless manner. \$1.00 to No. 10, in summer \$18. charge \$27.47, - whole 10. in winter \$11 charge 32 -

at No. 11. - This district ever since its organization has had some distinguishing characteristics. A very large proportion of the pupils being under the age of 12 years, female teachers have been employed exclusively. In consequence of employing female teachers, & having a large share of the money raised in town for school purposes, this district has averaged nearly 40 weeks schooling each year. Instead of two terms, summer & winter, the school has been continued through the year, having some 3 or 4 short vacations. The past year, the school was commenced by a teacher who left the first of July to take charge of a school in Lowell for which she had previously applied - Application was then made to a young Lady who had taught this school two or three years, & who had left on account of ill health. But her engagements were such that she could not take charge of the school. Another person was employed to teach 11 weeks, after which the services of the teacher just referred to were secured for the remainder of the year. The examination at the close of the year gave satisfactory evidence of improvement, on the part of the scholars. The last teacher who has retired from the office she has for years filled with so much credit to herself & profit to others, has the kind wishes of the Committee, that she may be happy & useful in the station she may be called to occupy - It is to be regretted, that sufficient inducements are not held out to secure the services of those best qualified to discharge the duties of teacher. But while the mechanic can earn one third, or one half more at his bench than is paid to the teacher, and while the young Lady can earn double in the Mill & that without spending years of valuable time & much money to qualify herself for these employments

it is not to be expected that those best qualified in every respect, will make the requisite sacrifice to engage in the training of disinclined children. It is not because there are not enough good teachers in our land, that we have so often poor ones in our schools. It is true that where ever there is a sufficient demand for persons to engage in any undertaking, however hazardous, even if it be to stand before the hostility of an armed enemy, sufficient persons will be found for that undertaking. If sufficient inducements were presented for young men & young women of high moral & intellectual worth to devote time & money to qualify themselves thoroughly for the office of a teacher the complaint would not be so often heard, "we have had a poor teacher this season," and our money has been thrown away."

It has been the object of the Committee to elevate the standard of qualification, on the part of teachers. Much has been done for this purpose by the Legislature of our State, & by the Board of Education; & it is to be hoped that all these efforts will be rewarded by the districts offering sufficient compensation to induce competent individuals to engage in the employment. If it is of importance to the farmer that his cattle & horses be well trained & cared for when young, it is far more so, that his children should be correctly & thoroughly educated. It is as true as ever that

"The education forms the common mind."

"Just as the twig is bent, the Tree's inclined"

And we all know, that an individual's success, or want of success in after life depends often upon the training in early life, & the influences brought to bear upon them at this period. The Teacher, in forming the character of the man holds a relation, second only, to that of the parent, and especially is this true at the present day when so many parents suffer their children to grow up without any wholesome restraints, or influence. The remark of the Secretary of the Board of Education is doubtless true, that "our children while under ten years of age, might acquire ten times more valuable knowledge than they now acquire, were they under the care of such teachers as the State is abundantly able to furnish & to pay for." This may appear to be an ex-



transact opinion to advance, but we are to expect that a very large proportion of what they learn during these years, is not obtained directly from books. Our teachers ought to be qualified to impart to them correct morals, as well as intellectual culture; to give their mind to such a direction as will enable them in after life to think & act under the influence of correct & wholesome principles.

Persons of all ages, may be & are receiving daily instruction upon a great variety of Subjects, & teachers should have their own minds stored with a large amount of useful knowledge upon a great variety of subjects, in order to satisfy as far as may be the thirst for knowledge possessed by every youthful mind.

Respectfully } B. F. Clark } School Committee  
Submitted by } S. B. Edwards }  
John C. Bartlett } Chelmsford

Accepted in Town Meeting April 3. 1848

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk

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|                              |                        |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Adams, Abel C.               | Burrows, Wm H.         |
| Abbott Rufus R.              | Brown Jacob P.         |
| Andrews Benj <sup>n</sup> C. | Burton Dexter L.       |
| Adams Isaac                  | Barns Eben             |
| Adams Thomas M.              | Barns Israel P.        |
| Adams Joseph                 | Bradford Henry         |
| Adams Calvin W.              | Bickford Horatio       |
| Brackley John                | Bickford Moses         |
| Brackley Silas               | Brown Gardiner H.      |
| Brackley Rufus               | Calwell John           |
| Burch Benjamin               | Carlton Eli B.         |
| Blood Benj <sup>n</sup> jr   | Cobb, Wilson           |
| Blood Nathaniel              | Cornnelly James        |
| Blood Charles A.             | Clark David P.         |
| Byam Geo. O.                 | Coburn James B.        |
| Bird Henry M.                | Campbell John          |
| Bird Charles T.              | Cross Charles          |
| Britton James D.             | Coburn Charles B.      |
| Britton Jared B.             | Clark Wm H.            |
| Barclott Ichabod             | Carlton Walter E.      |
| Brammer George               | Cagwell David W.       |
| Bundick John W.              | Clark Carlos C.        |
| Brigham Silas                | Cummings Walter H.     |
| Barworth Henry E.            | Chamberlain Robt B. jr |
| Blodgett Fred W.             | Chamberlain Saml       |
| Bugbe David H.               | Charles Osgood         |
| Bachelder Orrin S.           | Cowdry Geo. W.         |
| Blood Caleb                  | Caldwell George        |
| Burtt Adolphus S.            | Crucker Orrin          |
| Bearse Elijah D.             | Covey George           |
| Butterfield Reuben J.        | Clark Linn             |
| Butterfield Jonas C.         | Drake Nathaniel        |
| Barker Daniel                | Sexton Bartlett W.     |
| Blaisdell Sumner             | Sexton Daniel S.       |
| Byam Marcus D.               | Laman Nathaniel        |
| Byam Stillman                | Davis Solomon A.       |
| Byam George                  | Davis Luther           |
| Byam George H.               | Dorwin Sylvan          |
| Byam Wm A.                   | Duren John             |



Davis Francis  
Dutton Elbridge  
Dunglough Theodore  
Dutton Hildreth P.  
Dadman Nathan P.  
Edwards Isaiah  
Elliott Jonathan P.  
Eaton Samuel C.  
Edwards Henry D.  
Edmunds P. D.  
Fiske Benjamin M.  
Fletcher Josiah Richardson  
Fletcher William  
Fletcher Joseph M.  
Furber Geo. S.  
Furber Andrew S.  
Fay Edwin J.  
Flegg Timothy  
Freeman Nathan B.  
Frost Charles A.  
Frost Levi  
Foster Jonathan P.  
Fletcher Jonathan Tyler  
Farnum Oliver J.  
Gilmore Wm P.  
Gardner Henry  
Graves Isaac H.  
Graves Alonzo  
Graves Lebinah K.  
Graves Albert  
Gillighan John  
Grauer Leonard O.  
Green George  
George Moses

Howard Otis  
Howard Samuel  
Halms Jason F.  
Hardy George  
Hayward Saml K.  
Harlow George M.  
Hemphill Orson

Hally Charles M.  
Hyde Charles  
Hamblett Reuben R.  
Horn Noah  
Hyde George  
Howard Calvin  
Hamblett Cyrus  
Hall Harrison  
Hamblett William  
Harwood Rufus  
Hildreth Edward  
Hunter Gilman  
Hodges Benjamin F.  
Hodgman Alvah  
Hall Elmer  
Harris John D.  
Hill John D.  
Humphrey James  
Humphrey John  
Hawes Albert  
Hove Ivor  
Hildreth Benj<sup>r</sup> M.  
Hildreth Moses  
Hemphill Orson  
Jones Samuel T.  
Jones Archibald R.  
Johnson John W.  
Johnson Horace  
Jones Charles P.  
Jaselyn Edwin  
Jeffries Wm

King Samuel  
Knittle George  
Knittle Andrew  
Knittle Anthony  
King James  
Kennon Willard M.  
Kelly Andrew K.

Keyes Shepard  
 Kelley James  
 Kittredge Joel C.  
 Kemp Abel H.  
 Keyes Marcus  
 Larrabee Geo. W.  
 Lathrop Wilcox J.  
 Lyon Joseph E.  
 Lindsey Nathaniel  
 Larcom Jonathan  
 Livingston Benj<sup>n</sup> F.

McIntire Amos B.  
 Moore Edwin S.  
 McIntire Warren  
 McIntire Geo. W.  
 Melary John  
 Marshall Alfred  
 Moulton Wm B.  
 Moore Archibell  
 McLaughlin Hiram L.  
 McClusky Patrie  
 Morrison Wm H.  
 Munger Harvey  
 Merriam Geo. B.  
 Marston Jonathan C.  
 Morse Simon B.  
 Morse Seneca P.  
 Morris Benjamin  
 Mansfield Leonard J.  
 Mansfield Asaph  
 McIntire Salmon  
 Mead Albert G.  
 Manning Jacob W.  
 Morse Elias B.  
 Marshall Eben H.  
 Manning William  
 Manning Theophilus  
 Marshall Thomas

Marshall Benjamin P.  
 Marshall George  
 Mansfield Jeremiah C.

Ober Thomas W.  
 Osgood Thomas J.  
 Poor Thomas  
 Pratt Wm A.  
 Pike James J.  
 Pratt Joshua  
 Pierce Joseph B.  
 Perkins John  
 Page Albert  
 Prichard S. B.  
 Palmer Moses B.  
 Pallard Dawson  
 Proctor Calvin  
 Proctor Daniel J.  
 Parker Willard  
 Parker Charles  
 Parker Henry  
 Putnam Israel  
 Parkhurst Samuel S.  
 Perham Percy P.  
 Perham Samuel P.  
 Parkhurst John 2<sup>d</sup>  
 Proctor Alfred  
 Parker David  
 Proctor Charles  
 Proctor Henry B.  
 Rand Geo. W.  
 Rogers Edmund  
 Rowe Franklin  
 Ramsey Dexter J.  
 Rihley Stearns  
 Hamdy Samuel C.  
 Richardson Elijah J.  
 Smith Joseph W.



Shalading Benj. J.  
 Smith John H.  
 Sweet William  
 Stocker Alcester  
 Southland Henry  
 Smith John R.  
 Sheldon Geo. T.  
 Sherman Charles H.  
 Sampson Seth P.  
 Sweet Charles  
 Shovey Samuel O.  
 Sawyer Jerome  
 Spalding Benj. F.  
 Spalding Augustus E.  
 Smith Horace S.  
 Scisss John  
 Spalding Isaiak B.  
 Shed Joseph  
 Shed John S.  
 Spalding Al.  
 Switzer Charles  
 Spalding Sherbird J.  
 Spalding Jacl  
 Spalding Ephm P.  
 Stickney Benjamin  
 Spalding Asa  
 Spalding Elbridge G.  
 Spalding Jonathan  
 Spalding Elbridge P.  
 Stanton Henry B.  
 Steam John  
 Schoolcraft Arso  
 Lorry Francis B.  
 Trainer Edward  
 Town Matthew J.  
 Turner John  
 Thompson Solomon  
 Wilson John A.  
 Wilson Asa  
 Ward Patrie 2<sup>d</sup>  
 Wiggins Nathaniel

Williams Peter  
 Watson Jones M.  
 Whipple Stephen  
 Woodward Horace W.  
 Wright Samuel T.  
 Wilson Daniel  
 Whittmore James  
 Ward M. S. Lafayette  
 Wright Calvin T.  
 Walker Benjin  
 Wright Joseph B. jr  
 Warner Edwin H.  
 Wilson Ezra.  
 Wyman Geo. W.  
 Wiggins John W.  
 Wentworth James M.  
 Upham Ezra A.  
 Upham Clement  
 Young Charles  
 Young George

Whole No. 302

Otis Adams } Selectman  
 Joseph Reid } &  
 Elisha Shaw } Assessors

Town Meeting Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 1848

# Warrant

L.S. ) Middlesbrough. To Charles Proctor one of the  
L.S. )  
L.S. ) Constables of the Town of Chelmsford  
Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
you are hereby required to notify & warn the Inhabitants  
of said town qualified by law to vote in Town affairs  
to assemble at the Town Hall on Monday the fourth  
day of September next at One of the Clock in the  
afternoon, then & there to act on the following  
articles, viz:

1. To Choose a Moderator
2. To take into consideration the Order of the County  
Commissioners for making the Road from Linton  
to Chelmsford prayed for by John Hartwell and  
others and act in relation to the same
3. To act in relation to certain suits of law instituted  
by Abel Spalding, Abel Spalding & others against  
the Guardian of James Spalding, a Town Pauper, or  
against the trustee to certain property of said Pauper  
or give said guardian or trustee instructions in  
relation to his trust
4. To hear the Report of the Selectmen of the Town  
concerning act of a piece of new road on the Petition  
of Lincoln Drake from near the house of  
Rev. B. F. Clark to or near the Depot of the  
Nashua Rail Road Co
5. To hear the Reports of any Committees chosen by  
the Town at any previous Meeting

And you are to serve this  
warrant by posting up attested copies thereof as follows  
viz: At the Centre Congregational, South Baptist, Middlesbrough  
and North Chelmsford Meeting Houses and at the  
Tavern of Arnold Burt so that the same may stand  
over two sabbaths previous to the time of holding  
the Meeting aforesaid

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant  
with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the  
time & place of holding the aforesaid Meeting



Given under our Hands & Seals this twenty fourth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty eight.

Otis Adams } Selectmen  
Elisha Shaw } of Chelmsford.

Middlesex August 26<sup>th</sup> 1848. I have served the within Warrant by posting up attested Copies of the same at each of the following places, viz: — One at the Centre Congregational, South Baptist, Middlesex and North Chelmsford Meeting Houses and at the Tavern of Arnold Burt so that the same may stand over two Sabbaths before the time of holding this Meeting.

Charles Proctor, Constable  
of Chelmsford

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford qualified to vote in Town affairs held on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September A.D. 1848 the following proceedings were had to wit:

Chose Otis Adams Moderator  
Voted that the subject matter of the 2<sup>d</sup> Article in the Warrant for this Meeting to wit: — The Order of the County Commission = ers of the Laying out of the Road prayed for by Jonathan Hartwell & others, be referred to the Committee Chosen at a former town Meeting for appraising said road said Committee consisting of the following persons, viz: Genl. Benj<sup>n</sup> Adams — Asa Hodgman 2<sup>d</sup> — Edekel Byam — Joseph Warren jr & Daniel Proctor  
Voted that a Committee of two <sup>persons</sup> be appointed in connection with the trustee to carry on the Suit commenced against said trustee or make a settlement with the Plaintiffs as they may deem expedient  
Chose Sewall Parkhurst — Asa Hodgman 2<sup>d</sup>  
Voted to add one to the above Committee  
Chose Sherbiah Spalding Jr  
Heard the Report of the Selectmen on the Laying out of a town road Petitioned for by Lincoln Drake

Voted To accept the Report on condition that the  
 Petitioner or other Person or Corporation shall  
 indemnify the town for all expenses incurred by  
 the Laying out & Constructing said road  
 Voted To dismiss the meeting

(Attest) Isaac Maden

Witnessed by E. F. Wilester Town Clerk

Election of President & C.  
 Nov. 7 1848

L.S.) Warrant

L.S.) Middlesex Jrs To William H. Clark one  
 L.S.) of the Constables of the Town of Chelmsford  
 Greening

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 you are hereby required to notify and warn the  
 Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote  
 in Elections to meet at the Town Hall on Tuesday  
 the seventh day of November next at twelve  
 O. Clock at noon to bring in their votes to  
 the Selectmen for twelve Electors for the choice  
 of the next President of the United States on  
 one ballot, it being the number to which  
 this Commonwealth is entitled. Polls to be  
 opened at one O. Clock

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by  
 Posting up Copies of the same attested by you at  
 the following places viz at the Centre, South  
 Baptist, Middlesex & North Chelmsford Meeting  
 Houses, and at the Tavern of Arnold  
 Burt in said town, so that the same may  
 stand over two sabbaths previous to the  
 time of holding the meeting aforesaid

Hereof fail not and make due return  
 of this Warrant with your doings thereon  
 to the Selectmen at the time and place



of Meeting aforesaid ~

Given under our Hand, & Seal,  
this twenty first day of October in the  
year of our Lord one thousand Eight  
hundred and forty Eight

Otis Adams }  
Joseph Reed }  
Elisha Shaw }  
} Selectmen  
} of  
} Chelmsford

Middlesex Co. Chelmsford Oct. 28. 1848 ~

By virtue of this warrant, I have  
served the same by posting up as within  
directed five true & attested copies at the  
within named places on this the twenty  
eighth day of October 1848 ~

W. H. Clark, Constable  
of Chelmsford,

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the  
Inhabitants of said Town of Chelmsford  
legally qualified to vote in Election met  
at the Town Hall on Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> day of  
November A.D. 1848 and proceeded as  
follows ~

Opened the Polls for the reception of votes for  
Electors of President & Vice President of  
the United States at One O. Clock P.M.  
At 4 O. Clock P.M. the Polls were closed  
& the ballots were sorted, counted, recorded  
& declaration thereof made in open Town  
Meeting as by law is required - (For the  
result of which see next page)

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Recorded by E. F. Webster & Clerk

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex, qualified according to the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court, holden on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in the Month of November, one thousand Eight hundred and forty eight, being the seventh day of said month, for the purpose of giving in their votes for Electors of President & Vice President of the United States, the whole number of Persons who gave in their votes was ascertained, as is directed in the Revised Statutes (Chap. 4 - Sec. 13) by counting the whole number of ballots given in; and the whole number of ballots was three hundred & sixty two

And the whole number of votes given in were received, sorted, counted & declared, and record thereof made in open town meeting as by law directed; and said votes were as follows viz:

For Electors at Large

Charles G. Green had one hundred twenty nine  
Henry Childs " one hundred twenty nine

Levi Lincoln " one hundred fifty nine  
Edmund Dwight " one hundred fifty nine  
Samuel Hoar " Seventy four  
William Jackson " Seventy four

For an Elector for Dist. No. 1

James Chace one hundred twenty nine  
Albert Fearing one hundred fifty nine  
Joseph Willard " Seventy four

For Elector for Dist. No. 2

Eleazer H. Stacy one hundred twenty nine  
David Pingree " one hundred fifty nine  
John B. Atley " Seventy four



For an Elector for Dist No. 3.

Edwin Lawrence - one hundred twenty nine  
 Daniel Adams - one hundred fifty nine  
 John G. Whittier - Seventy four

For an Elector for Dist No. 4.

Timothy Fletcher - one hundred twenty nine  
 Isaac Lawrence - one hundred fifty nine  
 Nathaniel Brooks - Seventy four

For an Elector for Dist No. 5

J. S. C. Knowlton - one hundred twenty nine  
 Benj<sup>t</sup> F. Thomas - one hundred fifty nine  
 Alexander D. Witt - Seventy four

For an Elector for Dist, No. 6.

Joseph Smith - one hundred twenty nine  
 Myron Lawrence - one hundred fifty nine  
 James Fowler - Seventy four

For an Elector for Dist No. 7.

Samuel Gates - one hundred twenty nine  
 Asa Howland - one hundred fifty nine  
 Thomas Robinson - Seventy four

For an Elector for Dist No. 8

William Ellis - one hundred twenty nine  
 Henry C. S. Dearborn - one hundred fifty nine  
 Benj<sup>t</sup> V. French - Seventy four

For an Elector for Dist No. 9.

Foster Hooper - one hundred twenty nine  
 W<sup>m</sup> Baylis - one hundred fifty nine  
 Philo Leach - Seventy four

For an Elector for Dist No. 10

James D. Thompson - one hundred twenty nine  
 W<sup>m</sup> R. Easton - one hundred fifty nine  
 Isaac C. Taber - Seventy four

3/18 Election Nov. 13 - 1848

Warrant

Field Esq. - To William H. Clark one of  
the Constables of the Town of Chelmsford in  
Essex County Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
you are hereby required to notify and cause the Inhab-  
itants of said Town notified by the Constitution to  
vote in Elections to meet at the Town Hall on Monday  
the thirtieth day of November next, being the second  
Monday of said month, at nine O. Clock in the  
forenoon to bring in their votes to the Selectmen  
for Governor & Lieutenant Governor of this Common-  
wealth and for six Senators for the district of Mid-  
dlessex one ballot - Also to bring in their votes  
for a Representative (for Congressional District No. 3)  
to the next Congress of the United States

Also for some suitable person as Representative  
of the Town to the next General Court to be holden  
at Boston on the first Wednesday of January  
next - Polls to be opened at ten O. Clock  
in the forenoon

You are also directed to notify  
& warn the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote  
in town affairs to meet at the same time and  
place, to act on the following articles viz -

- 1 - To choose a Moderator
- 2 - At the request of several individuals - To see if  
the Town will provide a Hearse to be kept at the  
Baptist Village with necessary appurtenances - Also to see  
if the Town will repair the Old or furnish a new  
Hearse for the Centre Village or anything in  
relation to the same
- 3 - To see what course the town will pursue in  
regard to the crossings of any of the highways in  
said Town by several Rail roads, not deemed  
conformable to the requisitions of Law.



4. At the Request of Thomas L. Osgood - to see if the Town will discontinue a pair of Road near his house, leading from the road which leads from Lane Isaac Spalding's to the Chelmsford Ferry, to the road leading from John Farrar to Crooked Spring, or act thereon -

5. At the request of Benj<sup>n</sup> Blood - to see if the Town will discontinue a pair of Old Road lying on the easterly side of what was formerly the Middlesex Turnpike and bordering on land of said Blood or act in relation thereto -

And you are directed to serve this warrant by pasting up attested copies thereof according to a vote of the Town and as you were directed in a Warrant ordering a Meeting for the Choice of Presidential Electors -

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to ourselves at the time & place of meetings as aforesaid -

Given under our hand & seals this twentyfirst day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and forty eight

Otis Adams ) Selectmen  
Joseph Reed } of  
Elisha Shaw } Chelmsford

Witness my hand & seal Chelmsford Oct. 28. 1848

By virtue of this Warrant I have served the same by pasting up as within directed, five true and attested copies at the within named places on this the twenty eighth day of October 1846 -

Wm. H. Clark Constable }  
of Chelmsford }

Recorded by E. L. Webster Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The undersigned, the Inhabitants of the Town of  
Andover, do hereby certify that the following persons  
being qualified by the Constitution to vote for  
Governor, did on the thirtieth day  
of December being the second Monday of said month, in the  
year one thousand eight hundred & forty eight  
for the purpose of giving in their vote for Gov & Joint Gov-  
of said Commonwealth, the whole number of persons  
who gave in their votes was ascertained, as is directed in the  
Revised Statute (Chap. 41. Sec. 13,) by counting the whole  
number of separate ballots given in; and the whole  
number of ballots was Three hundred and nine

and the whole number of votes given in for Governor  
were sorted, counted & recorded, and declaration thereof  
made as by the Constitution is directed; and said votes  
were for the following persons: viz:-

For Governor:-

George N. Briggs one hundred forty seven

Calcutt Cushing one hundred & ten

Stephen C. Phillips forty eight

Robert Rantaul one

Nathaniel Lindsey one

George D. Furler one

Frederic W. Robinson one

Otis Adams } Selectman  
Joseph Reed } of  
Elisha Shaw } Selectman for

Recorded by J. F. Webster Town Clerk



(Lieut Governor)

511  
The undersigned of the Massachusetts  
County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor & Lieutenant  
Governor held on the nineteenth day of November  
being the second Monday of said month in the year of  
our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty eight  
for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor  
and Lieutenant Governor of said Commonwealth,  
the whole number of persons who gave in their votes  
was ascertained, as is directed in the Revised Statutes  
(Cap. 4. Sec. 13,) by counting the whole number of  
separate ballots given in; and the whole number  
of ballots was Three hundred and ten

And the whole number of votes given in for  
Lieutenant Governor were sorted, counted & recorded  
and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution  
is directed; and said votes were for the following  
persons: viz:

For Lieut. Governor

John Reed one hundred & forty seven

Henry W. Cushman one hundred fifteen

John Mills - Forty Eight -

Otis Adams } Selectmen  
Joseph Reed } of  
Elisha Shaw } Chelmsford

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Senators, holden on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of Nov. being the second Monday of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty eight for the purpose of giving in their votes for Senators for the District of Middlesex, the whole number of persons who gave in their votes was ascertained, as is directed in the Revised Statutes (Chap. 4, Sec. 13) by counting the whole number of separate ballots given in; and the whole number of ballots was three hundred and eleven.

And the whole number of votes were sorted, counted & recorded, and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed; and said votes were for the following persons; viz:

|                      |                          |     |
|----------------------|--------------------------|-----|
| Albert H. Nelson     | one hundred & forty five | 145 |
| Joseph S. Buckingham | one hundred & eight      | 108 |
| Hobart Spencer       | one hundred & forty six  | 146 |
| Charles Adams        | one hundred forty six    | 146 |
| John Sargeant        | one hundred forty six    | 146 |
| John S. Keyes        | one hundred forty six    | 146 |
| Japhan Wentworth     | Eighty eight             | 88  |
| Itamar W. Beard      | one hundred fifteen      | 115 |
| Bradford Russell     | one hundred fourteen     | 114 |
| Edwin Whitney        | one hundred fifteen      | 115 |
| Nathan R. Raymond    | one hundred fifteen      | 115 |
| Wm E. Putnam         | one hundred fifteen      | 115 |
| Abel Pond            | one hundred fifteen      | 115 |
| William Jackson      | fifty                    | 50  |
| Shabail P. Adams     | fifty                    | 50  |
| James T. Woodbury    | fifty                    | 50  |
| Reuben Bacon         | fifty one                | 51  |
| Eliab Parker Jr      | fifty                    | 50  |

Otis Adams }  
Joseph Reed }  
Elihu Shaw } Selectmen  
of  
Chelmsford

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk



Representative To the 31<sup>st</sup> Congress (Dist No 3)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court, holden on the Thirtieth day of November being the Second Monday of said Month in the year One thousand eight hundred and forty eight for the purpose of giving in their votes for Representatives of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for District Number Three

The whole number of persons, who gave in their votes was ascertained as is directed in the Revised Statutes (Chapter 4, Sec. 13,) by counting the number of separate ballots given in; and the whole number of ballots was Three hundred and Thirteen

And the whole number of votes given was sorted counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made as by Law is directed; and said votes were for the following persons; viz:—

Congress

James H. Duncan one hundred & forty seven  
George S. Boulwell one hundred & nineteen  
Channey S. Knapp forty seven

Otis Adams } Silvestrum  
Joseph Reed } of  
Elisha Shaw } Chelmsford

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk

## Town Representation &amp;c,

At a meeting of the Freeholders of the Town of Shelburne  
qualified to vote in Elections holden on the thirtieth  
day of November 1848 the following proceedings were  
had. to wit:—

Open'd the polls at 10<sup>h</sup> 15<sup>m</sup> A.M. for the choice  
of Gov. & Lieut Gov. of this Commonwealth and for  
six Senators for the district of Middlesex, for Repres-  
entative to Congress for Dist. No 3. and for Town  
Representation all at the same time.

Closed the Polls for all the above named officers at  
4<sup>h</sup> 15<sup>m</sup> P.M. and sorted, counted & recorded  
the same — The votes for Town Representation  
were as follows — The whole number of ballots  
was 315 — Necessary for a choice 158.

Harvey Silsbee had 158 and was elected

Asa Hodgman 2<sup>d</sup> had 148

Jabez Stephens " 3

Alfred J. Graves " 2

George Hyde " 1

Joseph Manning " 1

For the votes for Gov. Lieut Gov. Senators & Rep.  
to Congress see the 4 preceding pages

Dissolved the meeting at 1/2 past 5 o'clock P.M.

Recorded by E. T. Webster Town Clerk



Town Meeting Nov 13. 1848 363

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford qualified to vote in Town affairs held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of Nov. 1848 the following proceedings were had to wit:—

Chas. Otis, Chairman Moderator

Voted That the 2<sup>d</sup> article in the Warrant be referred to a committee to examine the subject, ascertain the wants of the different sections, make an estimate of the probable expenses & report to the next Town Meeting.

10<sup>th</sup> That the Committee be nominated by the Moderator Chas. Deacon Benjamin Bradley E. T. Webster & Harry Wilson said Committee

Voted That the Selectmen be instructed to require the President & Directors of the Stony Brook Rail Road Corporation to carry into effect the order of the County Commissioners in regard to keeping a gate and agent to tend the gate at the crossing on the Old Turn-pike near the Machine Shop of Fay, Silver & Co. in Chelmsford, and likewise at the crossings of the road near Blood & Sweet's Mill. Also, to leave the road near the aforesaid Machine Shop in the condition required by the President of said Rail Road Co. and the Selectmen of said Town.

Voted That the Selectmen <sup>require</sup> notify the President & Directors of the Nashua R Road Co, to widen the road crossing their R Road, & lessen the inclination of the Slopes on each side of the same near the Steam saw-Mill in Chelmsford and also the road leading from the Meeting House in Middlem Village to the Lake Farm so called.

Voted To refer the 4<sup>th</sup> article to the next Town Meeting

Voted To dismiss the 5<sup>th</sup> article

Voted That the meeting for town affairs be dismissed  
Approved by Chas. Otis, Chairman & Harry Wilson  
E. T. Webster Town Clerk

Be it remembered that on the 24th day of  
Nov. 1848 the Subscriber Selectmen of the Town  
of Chelmsford an Tyringborough having met  
by appointment of the said Selectmen of Chelmsford  
(being the most ancient <sup>of said</sup> towns) proceeded to run the  
lines and renew the bounds between the said towns  
pursuant to a law of the Commonwealth passed March  
23, 1786 & the bounds between the said towns by  
us renewed are as follows to wit:

Beginning at a large stone near Wakassee falls  
marked T & C, thence running westerly to a stone  
monument on the west side of the road near Timori  
Kidd's house marked T & C - thence southerly  
by said road on the westerly side thereof to a stone  
near the house of Reuben Butterfield marked T & C  
thence South  $44^{\circ}$  west fifteen rods to a stone marked T & C  
thence North  $53^{\circ}$  west sixty rods to a stone marked T & C,  
thence North  $22^{\circ}$  west fifty rods to a stone marked T & C  
thence West  $9^{\circ}$  south twenty rods to a stone marked T & C  
near the house of Allen Warden - thence  
North  $72^{\circ}$  west seventy two rods to a stone on the  
westerly side of the Cummings road so called marked  
T & C - thence South  $70^{\circ}$  west thirty nine rods  
to a stone in the edge of the Swamp marked T & C,  
& a stone post standing by the side thereof marked T & C  
thence North  $1^{\circ}$  west 30 rods to a stone marked T & C  
thence North  $34^{\circ}$  west 120 rods to a stone in Tyringmeadows  
marked T & C & M. being a corner bound between  
Chelmsford, Wiltford & Tyringborough

Elizah Hittier } Selectmen of  
Hesper M. Blodget } Tyringboro  
Oliver Adams } Selectmen of  
Joseph Reed } Chelmsford

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk



Permanence of Town Lines to 1831

1831

Be it remembered that on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 1831  
the Selectmen of Chelmsford and Westford,  
having met by appointment of the Selectmen of Chelmsford  
(being the most ancient town) proceeded to run the lines  
and renew the bounds between the said towns as in-  
ferred by the Revised Statutes Chap 15. and the bounds  
between said towns by us renewed are as follows viz:

- 1- A Stone marked W. T. & C. in Tyng's Meadow
- 2 - A Stone C & W, at the Northwest Corner of land  
of Robt B. Chamberlain
- 3- A Heap of Stones on a ledge of Rocks, in the woods, 15 rods  
north of a small pond hole with a stone post marked  
C & W. lying thereon
- 4- A Stone marked W. & C east of the house of Andrew  
Fletcher near land of Otho & Saul Howard
- 5- A Stone marked C & W. near the house formerly owned  
by George Harlow
- 6- A Stone marked C & W, near the house formerly owned by  
Jonas Keyes
- 7<sup>th</sup> - A Stone marked C & W east of Levi T. Fletcher's  
near the wall
- 8- A Stone marked C & W. about 40 rods south of  
the house of Truworthy Keyes
- 9- A Stone marked C & W. on Jacob Osgood's land by  
the road leading from Chelmsford to Westford.
- 10 - A Stone marked C & W. East of Elias Haywood's house
- 11- A Stone marked C & W. opposite the house of Isaac Sloan
- 12- A Stone marked C & W. on Jon<sup>o</sup> W. Ward's field
- 13- A Stone marked C & W. on Lyfellow's field, land  
and nearly west of his house
- 14 - A Stone marked C & W. on the west side of Pond Plain <sup>road</sup>
- 15- A Stone marked C & W, east of the house of John & Thos Fletcher
- 16- A Stone marked C & W & C at Carlish Lim east of  
Nathaniel Hill's house

Phineas Chamberlain } Selectmen  
Charles L. Fletcher } of Westford  
Otho Adams } Selectmen of  
Joseph Reed } Chelmsford

3/87 Remuneration of Town Line Contd  
Lowell

Be it Reminded that on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of Nov. 1848  
At the Subscription Selectmen of the Town of Chelmsford  
and a Committee appointed by the Board of Aldermen  
of the City of Lowell having met by appointment  
of the Selectmen of Chelmsford (being the most ancient  
Town or Corporation) proceeded to run the lines  
and renew the bounds between the said City and  
Town pursuant to a provision of the revised Statutes  
And the bounds between said City & Town by  
measured are as follows to wit:—

Beginning at Merrimack River at a stone set in  
the ground in the south bank thereof about  
200 rods above the Pawtucket Canal and  
running southerly to a stone set in the ground on  
the East bank of the Middlessex Canal, ten  
rods north of the Bridge & near the house of  
Albert H. & Stephen A. Coburn - and thence  
southeasterly on the East bank of said Canal  
20 rods to a stone set in the ground - Thence  
due East to a stone set in the ground  
on the bank of Concord River

Jefferson Bancroft }  
David S. Richardson } Committee of  
David Dana } the Aldermen  
Erastus Douglass } of Lowell

Otis Adams } Selectmen of  
Joseph Reed } Chelmsford



Perambulation of town Lines Contd 14  
 Carlisle

Be it remembered that on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of Nov. 1848  
 the Selectmen Selectmen of the Towns of Chelmsford and  
 Carlisle, having met by the appointment of the selectmen  
 of Chelmsford, (being the most ancient Town) proceeded  
 to run the line & run the bounds between said two  
 pursuant to a law of this Commonwealth passed March  
 23-1786, and the [bounds] between said Towns by  
 renewed are as follows to wit:—

- 1<sup>st</sup> A Stone set in the ground marked M.C.C. in a  
 field of Oliver Hutchins. making the Southwest Corner  
 of Chelmsford & Northwest Corner of Carlisle
- 2- A Stone marked C.C. near an old wall running North  
 and South in the woodland of Daniel Proctor
- 3- A Stone marked C.C. on land of Oliver Hutchins west  
 of the house of Jacob Blaisdell
- 4- A Stone marked C.C. on the West side of the road  
 north of said Blaisdells house
- 5- A Stone marked C.C. about 20 rods east of said Road
- 6- A Stone marked C.C. on woodland of widow Proctor  
 about 20 rods East of the Brook
- 7- A Stone marked C.C. on Daniel Proctor's field about  
 one rod from an old wall running North & South
- 8- A Stone marked C.C. in the pasture of Calvin  
 T. Wright
- 9<sup>th</sup> A Stone marked C.C. about two rods east of the Road
- 10- A Stone marked C.C. east of the road leading  
 from Jacob Parker's to Reuben Parker's
- 11- A Stone marked C.C. about 40 rods north of the  
 place where Benj<sup>n</sup> Baldwin formerly stood
- 12- A Stone marked C.C. on the east side of Jacob Adams' Edge  
 east of the aforesaid house site about 4 rods north  
 of an old wall running east & west
- 13- A Stone marked B.C.C. in the Davis meadow at  
 Billerica line

John Jacobs } Selectmen of  
 Thos. Green } Carlisle

Otis Adams } Selectmen of  
 Joseph Reed } Chelmsford

## Warrant

(Middlesex) To Charles Proctor one of the Constables  
L.S. of the Town of Chelsea - Greeting,

L.S. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

L.S. You are directed to notify the Inhabitants of said Town qualified by Law to vote in town affairs and for town officers to meet at the Town Hall in said town on Monday the fifth day of March next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles viz:

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to preside at the meeting
- 2<sup>d</sup> To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing
- 3<sup>d</sup> To raise such sum of money as may be thought necessary for the support of School Poor, Roads, & other town Charges
- 4<sup>th</sup> To hear the Report, of the Committee chosen to make the last annual Settlement with the Town Treasurer - The Overseers of the Poor, and of any Committee whose duty may require a report at this meeting
- 5<sup>th</sup> To bring in their Votes for a Treasurer for the County of Middlesex
- 6<sup>th</sup> To determine the manner of repairing the Highways - Townways - & Bridges the year ensuing
- 7<sup>th</sup> To take the Request of the Committee chosen in reference to the road petitioned for by J<sup>os</sup> Hastwell & others - To see if the Town will vote to petition the County Commissioners to discontinue the aforesaid road, or act any thing in relation to the same
- 8<sup>th</sup> At the request of several individuals - To see if the town will order a Copy of the town Warrant to be posted at the scythe factory village, or in any way alter the method of warning town meetings
- 9<sup>th</sup> To prescribe the method of Collecting the Taxes for the ensuing year



(Annual Meeting March 5<sup>th</sup> 1849 Constable 321)  
Warrant, Constable,

10<sup>th</sup> To see if the town will accept the laying out  
or altering by the Selectmen of a piece of road  
near the house of Charles Swett or at thereon

(And you are directed to serve this  
Warrant by pasting up five attested copies  
of the same as specified in a former vote of the  
town, so ~~that~~ the same may stand over two  
Sabbaths previous to the time of holding the  
aforesaid Meeting)

Hereof fail not and make due return  
of this Warrant with your doings thereon to  
the town Clerk at the time of Meeting as  
aforesaid

Given under our hands & seals  
this seventeenth day of February in the  
year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred  
and forty nine

Otis Adams } Selectmen  
Joseph Reed } of  
Elisha Shaw } Chelmsford

Middlesex - February 24<sup>th</sup> 1849

I have served  
the within Warrant by posting up five attested  
copies of the same at the following places, viz:-  
At the Centre Congregational, South Baptist, Mid-  
dlessex & North Chelmsford Meeting Houses and  
at the Tavern of Arnold Bent so that the  
same may stand over two Sabbaths previous  
to the time of holding this Meeting

Charles Boctor Constable  
of Chelmsford  
( )

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of  
Whitcomb legally qualified to vote in town affairs  
held on the fifth day of March 1869, the  
following votes were passed & proceedings had

- Chose Isaac Otis Adams Moderator  
Chose E. F. Webster Clerk who was duly sworn by  
the Moderator in open town meeting  
Chose Otis Adams Joseph Reed and Elisha Shaw  
Selectmen and Assessors  
Chose Joseph Manning Town Treasurer  
Chose Sherburne Spalding Jr. Sewall Parkhurst  
and Benj<sup>t</sup> F. Hedges overseers of the Poor  
Voted To choose two Constables  
Chose Charles Proctor and W<sup>m</sup> H. Clark  
Voted To choose a Superintending School Committee to  
consist of three persons  
Chose Rev. B. F. Clark, Rev. John Parkhurst and  
Dr. Nathan B. Edwards - said Committee  
Closed the Polls for County Treasurer - The votes  
being sorted, counted & declared were as  
follows - viz  
For Stephen Buttrick Esq fifty six votes  
E. F. Webster & Joseph Manning had each  
one vote evidently placed in the wrong box  
by mistake  
Voted To choose Surveyors of Highways in  
each Highway District  
Chose W<sup>m</sup> Fletcher - Francis Richardson  
Eli Parker - Benjamin Dudley, Henry  
Parker - Thomas Marshall - John Turner  
Charles Sweett - Isaiah Edwards -  
Christopher Moby & Joseph Manning  
Surveyors of Highways  
Voted To choose four wighs of Hay  
Chose Arnold Burt, Freeman H. Myrick  
Henry B. Proctor & Fredrick Gear



Voted To choose 5 Field Officers

Chose Benjamin J. Spalding Schuyler Corey  
James Ring. Frederic S. Sawyer  
Stillman Byam - Field Officers -

Voted To choose 4 fence viewers

Chose Lauell Fletcher Parker Gulton. Olin Adams  
& Elijah D. Pearce - fence viewers -

Voted To choose the same surveyors of Lumber as last  
year with the exception of Joseph Adams  
& with the addition of Geo. W. Woodward

Chose S. S. Parkhurst, Jabez Stearns, Stillman  
Byam. Sherlach Spalding Jr. Josiah  
Byam. Thomas Marshall. Benj. J. Spalding  
James Whittmore. Saml P. Hadley - Sawyers  
Pollard. Freeman H. Myrick, Charles Proctor  
Wm Swett - Wm K. Cochran - Stephens  
Barnes - Surveyors of Wood and Bark

Chose Joseph Warren Jr. Asa Hodgman <sup>2d</sup> and  
Daniel Parker Esq. a Committee to settle  
with the Treasurer -

Chose Asa Hodgman <sup>2d</sup> Joseph Manning and  
Capt Sherlach Spalding a Committee to  
appraise the property at the towns farm.

Voted To take up the 4th article

Heard the Report of the Committee to settle  
with the Town Treasurer -

Voted To accept the Report

Heard the Report of the Committee to appraise the  
property at the Mills, Hearn & farm

Voted to accept the Report -

Heard the Report of the Committee relative to the  
Hearns for the Baptist Village & the Centre of the  
town

Voted to accept the report with the restriction  
that the Hearn for the Middle of the town  
should be constructed with runners & the  
other without.

Voted that the said Committee be authorized and  
empowered to carry into effect the object

designated in their Report both as it respects  
 Horses & Harnesses & other appendages - and also  
 to provide a Hears House in the Baptist  
 Village -

Voted To raise the sum of fifteen hundred dollars  
 for the support of Schools \$ 1500.00

Voted To raise two thousand five hundred dollars  
 for Incidental Charges including the Poor \$ 2500.00

Voted to take up the 6<sup>th</sup> article

Voted That the roads & bridges be repaired by a tax  
 payable in monial labor in the same way  
 & manner as last year

Voted To raise 600 dollars for the above purpose  
 of repairing the roads & Bridges -

Voted to refer the 7<sup>th</sup> article to the next town meeting

Voted That an additional copy of all warrants for  
 town meeting be hereafter posted at the  
 Meeting House in the factory Village -

Voted that the collection of the taxes for 1849 be now  
 let out at auction to the lowest bidder whom  
 the town will accept. with the following  
 conditions and restrictions to wit -  
 That the Collector shall allow & be allowed  
 three per cent on all moneys collected  
 and paid into the Treasury on or before  
 the first day of August next. and  
 shall complete the Collection & pay into the  
 Treasury all the taxes on or before  
 the Friday next preceeding the first Monday  
 of March next - In failure thereof he  
 shall receive nothing for Collecting, and  
 shall pay interest on all moneys not  
 paid into the treasury on or before that  
 day to wit the Friday preceeding the first  
 Monday of March next -

The Collection of taxes was then set up at auction  
 on the foregoing conditions and bid off  
 by Hildreth P. Dutton at 2 cents on the  
 dollar -



Chas Hildreth P Sullivan Collector of Taxes  
 Heard the Report of the Selectmen on the Laying out  
 of the road near the house of Charles Swett  
 voted that the Report and all matters concerning this  
 road be referred to the Selectmen, for them  
 to establish the bounds of said road as near  
 where the travel now is, as public convenience  
 requires

voted To dismiss the Meeting ~  
 Otis Adams Moderator  
 Recorded by E. H. Webster Clerk

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Town officers &c. (Contd) 32/

Louell Fletcher  
Parker Dutton  
Otis Adams  
Elijah D. Bearce

Sworn March 12 / 49

Freeman H. Myrick  
Charles Proctor  
Dawson Pollard  
E. P. Parker

Sworn March 15<sup>th</sup>

Sworn March 10<sup>th</sup> / 49

S. P. Hadley  
John S. Shed

Sworn March 11<sup>th</sup> / 49

Sworn March 7<sup>th</sup> / 49

J. R. Parkhurst  
Alpheus Bowers  
Jabez Stearns

Sworn March 5 / 49

Stillman Byam  
Jonathan Sarcom  
James Whittemore  
Geo. W. Woodward

Sworn March 10 / 49

Saml. S. Parkhurst  
Jabez Stearns

Sworn March 6 / 49

Stillman Byam  
Sherbish Spalding Jr.  
Josiah Byam

Sworn March 10 / 49

Thomas Marshall  
Benj. J. Spalding  
James Whittemore  
Saml. P. Hadley

Sworn March 11<sup>th</sup> / 49

Dawson Pollard  
Freeman H. Myrick  
Charles Proctor  
Wm. Sweett

Sworn March 15<sup>th</sup>

Sworn March 10 / 49

Wm. K. Cochran  
Alpheus Bowers

Sworn March 10 / 49 by  
Saml. Parkhurst Jr.

Sworn March 5 / 49

Surveyors of  
Land  
and  
Masses of Wood  
and  
Bark

Viewers

Settlement with the Treasurer

The Committee Chosen by the Town of  
Chelmsford to make the annual settlement  
with the town Treasurer for the year ending  
March 5<sup>th</sup> 1849 having attended to that duty  
ask leave to report as follows viz:

The Treasurer Charges himself with a balance in  
the Treasury on the last annual Settlement of 1230.39  
with cash received of Israel Putnam Collector <sup>for 1848</sup> } 36.12  
" " " of H. P. Sutton Collector for 1848 = 3527.28  
" " " of Sundry Individuals 29.75  
" " " from the State Treasury (School fund) 80.50  
" " " " " Pauper money 33.81  
\$ 4958.05

And is Credited by Sundry  
town orders amounting to \$ 4319.41

Leaving a balance in the Treasury \$ 638.64

The above is respectfully

Submitted by Joseph Manning }  
Asa Hodgman 2<sup>d</sup> } Committee  
Samuel Parker }

Assented to by Joseph Manning Treasurer

The Committee would also report that they  
have ascertained as near as possible the liabilities  
of the town over & above its available means

Orders on Interest 1002.94  
Probable interest on orders 93.18  
one order not presented of 11.15  
Estimated bills not presented 158.00  
balance against the town for } 358.42  
Support of Paupers }  
Amounting to \$ 1623.69

Cash in Treasury \$ 638.64

Due from H. P. Sutton Collector 703.99

Making \$ 1342.63

Leaving a balance against the town of \$ 281.06

Joseph Manning }  
Asa Hodgman 2<sup>d</sup> } Committee  
Samuel Parker }



# Appraisal of Property at the 329 Town's Farm

The Committee Chosen by the Town of Chelmsford at their annual meeting in March 1848 for the purpose of appraising the Personal Property at the Town Poor-farm, have attended to that duty & present the following inventory of said Property

|                              |        |                                  |        |
|------------------------------|--------|----------------------------------|--------|
| 1 yoke of Oxen               | 110 00 | 1 Saddle & Boot up               | 30 64  |
| 7 Cows with Calf             | 204 00 | 1 Horse Wagon                    | 30 00  |
| 2 Farrow cows                | 37 00  | 1 Sleigh & Bells                 | 2 30   |
| 1 Horse                      | 35 00  | 3 Manure forks                   | 50     |
| 22 fowls                     | 3 00   | 2 Iron bars                      | 3 00   |
| 3 Shoats                     | 27 96  | 2 Wood Saws                      | 1 30   |
| Amount of Stock \$ 318.96    |        | 2 Hand & 1 pruning Saw,          | 1 25   |
| 6 1/2 Tons English Hay       | 41 50  | 9 Axes                           | 4 00   |
| 2 " Meadow "                 | 12 00  | 1 Beetle & 4 Wedges              | 1 25   |
| 19 3/4 Bush. Rye             | 18 53  | 3 Wide Hoes                      | 30     |
| 4 1/2 " Corn                 | 4 50   | 1 Narrow Hoe & 1 Grate           | 30     |
| Amount Hay & Grain \$ 106.53 |        | 2 Iron Shovels                   | 25     |
| 2 Bush Rye meal              | 2 00   | 1 Draw Chain                     | 4 50   |
| 1/2 Bbl Flour                | 3 23   | Horse fetters                    | 30     |
| 3 Hds. Lard                  | 3 20   | 3 Cuyers 2 Sounding kites        |        |
| 40 # Dried Apple             | 2 00   | 2 Chisels 3 sickles & 1 hay fork | 2 50   |
| 6 # Tea                      | 1 30   | 3 pairs pinches                  | 1 33   |
| 33 # Butter                  | 6 27   | 2 Cast Iron ploughs              | 5 00   |
| 23 # Cheese                  | 2 07   | 4 Ox Muzzles                     | 50     |
| 16 1/2 # Ham                 | 16 15  | 1 Wheel Barrow                   | 3 00   |
| 400 # Salt Pork              | 38 00  | 1 Drag                           | 30     |
| 325 # Salt Beef              | 21 12  | 1 Harrow                         | 2 00   |
| 137 Bush. Potatoes           | 82 20  | 2 Ladders                        | 75     |
| 10 Do. Turnips               | 2 50   | 1 Ox Cart                        | 15 00  |
| 15 " Small Potatoes          | 3 73   | 1 Horse farm wagon               | 20 00  |
| 3/4 " White Beans            | 1 12   | 1 Hay Rigging                    | 4 00   |
| Amount of Cattle \$ 185.13   |        | 2 Iron Axes & 1 brace            | 7 00   |
| 8 Hay forks                  | 2 30   | 3 Bbls Cider                     | 7 50   |
| 4 Ox Yokes                   | 7 00   | 1/2 Bbl Vinegar                  | 2 00   |
| 3 Hay Rakes                  | 30     | 4 Bbls & 2 Hds                   | 5 00   |
| 1 Draw Harness               | 4 00   | 1 Scalding tub                   | 30     |
| 1 Horse Wagon Harness        | 6 00   | 2 Scythe snaths & 1 Scythe       | 1 75   |
| Amount carried up            | 731 44 | Amount carried up                | 855 22 |

| Amount Bro't up-                                     | 833 22  | Amount Bro't up-         |       |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------|-------|
| 1 Grind Stone                                        | 3 00    | 1 Wash Barrel            | 25    |
| 360 ft pine boards                                   | 3 66    | 2 Silver spoons          | 1 50  |
| 3 1/2 Cords wood, mostly cut <sup>for the fire</sup> | 104 89  | 1 Coffee Mill            | 50    |
| 1 Wash Barrel                                        | 4 30    | 3 Open Stoves            | 7 10  |
| 18 Gall. Soaps                                       | 2 25    | 1 Box do                 | 1 00  |
| Soap Grease                                          | 3 00    | 3 Light Stands           | 75    |
| 3 Doz Candles                                        | 38      | 4 Flat Irons             | 1 33  |
| 1 lb Saffron                                         | 6 70    | 1 Bed pan                | 1 00  |
| 1 Molasses Keg                                       | 17      | 1 Warming do             | 1 00  |
| 1 do Sticks                                          | 50      | 6 Iron fire Setts        | 2 00  |
| 1 Chimney                                            | 1 30    | 13 Wooden Baskets        | 1 25  |
| 6 Wash tubs                                          | 4 25    | 16 Pickers               | 2 00  |
| 4 Soap tubs                                          | 1 00    | 3 Trays                  | 50    |
| 1 tin Milk-strainer                                  | 50      | 1 Cheese press & baskets | 1 50  |
| 23 tin pans                                          | 1 84    | 3 Baskets                | 75    |
| 8 Earthen pans                                       | 80      | 22 knives & 22 forks     | 75    |
| 2 Milk Cans                                          | 50      | 17 Chests & 16 Trunks    | 10 00 |
| 3 tin pails                                          | 30      | 2 Dish Tubs              | 50    |
| 75 pieces tin ware                                   | 2 00    | 2 Map Handles            | 42    |
| 3 Brass & 1 Iron kettle                              | 5 00    | 2 Toasters               | 25    |
| 1 Clock                                              | 2 00    | 22 Tea Spoons            | 50    |
| 1 Glass Lantern                                      | 33      | 11 Table Spoons          | 50    |
| 6 Earthen Pots                                       | 50      | 14 Beds & 15 Bedsteads   | 80 00 |
| 3 Wooden pail                                        | 75      | 25 pr. Skirts            | 8 40  |
| 3 Brass candlesticks                                 | 30      | 26 pr. pillowcases       | 1 82  |
| 1 Set dry measures                                   | 50      | 1 Apple sauce 16 lb      | 1 00  |
| 3 Spiders & 2 Gridiron                               | 2 50    | 1 Chopping Knife         | 25    |
| 16 Iron pots & kettles                               | 1 30    | 5 pr. Woollen blankets   | 3 00  |
| 2 Iron tea Kettles                                   | 50      | 16 Comforters            | 12 00 |
| 1 Cabinet Chair                                      | 1 25    | 16 Quilt                 | 16 00 |
| 3 Rocking Chair                                      | 1 00    | Library                  | 3 00  |
| 41 Chairs                                            | 5 00    | 6 Table cloths           | 2 00  |
| 1 In Stulzards                                       | 25      | 3 Doz clothes pins       | 30    |
| 6 Looking Glasses                                    | 1 25    | 1 Gun                    | 2 00  |
| 12 Tables                                            | 5 00    | Crochery & Glass ware    | 4 00  |
| 1 In Bellows                                         | 12      | 3 Sieves                 | 33    |
| 1 Cooking Stove                                      | 20 00   | 1 Butcher knife          | 25    |
| Amount carried up -                                  | 1043 05 |                          |       |



Amount Bro't up

|                             |   |        |    |
|-----------------------------|---|--------|----|
| 4 Stone Jars                |   | 80     |    |
| 4 Meal Bags                 |   | 30     |    |
| 1 Buffalo skin              | 1 | 30     |    |
| 1 Cloth pounder & 2 brushes |   | 30     |    |
| 5 Wash Boards               |   | 30     |    |
| 1 Cloth Basket              |   | 17     |    |
| 2 Brooms                    |   | 30     |    |
| 2 Glass Lamps               |   | 33     |    |
| 1 Sewing Machine            |   | 12     |    |
| 4 Towels                    | 1 | 17     |    |
| 1 Nurse Lamp                |   | 20     |    |
| 1 Umbrella                  |   | 33     |    |
| Whole amount                |   | \$1221 | 07 |

The above is Respectfully submitted  
by

Ira Hadenman 2<sup>d</sup>  
Joseph Warren Jr } (Appraisers  
Joseph Manning )

The Committee to whom was referred the 2<sup>d</sup> article in the Warrant for Nov. Meeting relative to a Hearse for the Baptist Village and also for the Centre of the town, Report as follows -

They have made inquiries, and are satisfied that a Hearse is needed at the Baptist Village, for the convenience of the people in that vicinity -

They have also examined the Hearse in the Centre of the town and find it not worth repairing, -

They have likewise made some inquiries as to the probable expense of procuring a Hearse or Hearses, and find that they can probably be obtained, constructed similar to the one at North Chelmsford for 100 dollars each

And for double runners for winter use, from 25 to 30 dollars in addition - Making the whole cost with runners 125 dollars each -

Respectfully - Submitted by

Benjn Dudley }  
E. F. Webster } Committee  
Harvey Sisson }

March 5<sup>th</sup> 1849

Accepted with the qualification that the Hearse for the Centre Village be constructed with runners and the other without

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk



(April Meeting. ) 1849, 333

## Warrant

Middlesex } So within of the Constable of the town  
                  } of Chelmsford in said County - Greeting  
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,  
you are hereby required to notify & warn the Inhabitants of  
said town qualified by law to vote for town officers  
and in town affairs, to meet at the town hall in said  
town on Monday the second day of April next  
at one of the Clock in the afternoon, to act  
on the following articles VIZ: -

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator
- 2<sup>d</sup> To fill all vacant town offices
- 3<sup>d</sup> To act on the seventh article in the March meeting  
warrant, referred to this meeting, which was  
to act anything in relation to requesting the  
County Commissioners to discontinue the road  
laid out by them, that was petitioned for by  
Jonathan Hartwell et. al.
- 4<sup>th</sup> At the request of John Wilson, to see if the  
town will allow his bill of thirty eight dollars  
incident to the sickness and death of William  
Phillips or act thereon
- 5<sup>th</sup> To hear the Report of the School Committee  
or any other Committee whose duty may require  
a report at this Meeting - and act thereon
- 6<sup>th</sup> At the request of Dr. N. B. Edwards - To  
see if the town will choose a Committee to  
investigate and establish where the bound should  
be set, which stands between land of said Edwards  
& the Highway, opposite the North Chelmsford  
Meeting House. and act thereon
- 7<sup>th</sup> At the petition of Charles S. Bird & others.  
to see if the town will take measures to suppress the  
illegal sale of intoxicating liquors, or act  
thereon

And you are directed to serve this Warrant  
by posting up an attested copy of the same at  
each of the public Meeting Houses in town excepting  
the Centre Baptist, and <sup>one</sup> at the town of Truold

Hazard Court

Town Meeting April 2<sup>d</sup> 1849

Burt, so that the same may stand over two Sabbaths previous to the time of holding the aforesaid meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding the Meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands & seals at Chelmsford this twenty second day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty nine

It is Adamis } Selectmen  
Elisha Shaw } of  
Chelmsford

Middlesex Co Chelmsford March 24<sup>th</sup> 1849

By virtue of this Warrant I have served the same by posting up a true and attested copy of the same at five of the public Meeting-Houses in said town also one at the Tavern of Arnold Burt on this twenty fourth day of March

Wm H. Clark, Constable  
of Chelmsford

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk  
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At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford qualified to vote in town affairs held on the second day of April 1849. The following proceedings, were had to wit:

Chose Wm S. Flanders Moderator

Chose Henry B. Proctor Highway surveyor in place of Wm Fletton declined - also Jabez Stearns Solomon Parkhurst Joseph Warrance Benjamin Spalding Nathan Tyler and Benj. S. Hodges - in place of Francis Richardson - Eli Parker - Henry Parker - John Surin Josiah Edwards & Joseph Manning, all of whom declined serving -

Voted To choose a Committee to petition the County Commissioners to discontinue the road laid out by them, on the Petition of Jonathan Harwell and others

Chose Genl. Benj<sup>n</sup> Adams - Isa Holyman 2<sup>d</sup> Ezekiel Byam Joseph Warrance and Daniel Proctor said Committee - <sup>pass over the 4<sup>th</sup> article for the present and</sup>

Voted To take up the fifth article

Heard the Report of the School Committee

Voted To accept the Report

Voted To choose a Committee of three persons to examine <sup>produced</sup> all the evidence & all matters relating to the bounds between the Highway & land of J. S. B. Edwards mentioned in the 6<sup>th</sup> article of the warrant for this meeting

Chose Ephraim Spalding Esq Capt Shubank Spalding & David Perkins said Committee -

Voted That the Selectmen be authorized to construct a fire proof safe in the town House, or purchase one, for the safe keeping of the town records

Voted To dismiss the 11<sup>th</sup> article in the warrant

Voted To choose a Committee to take measures to suppress the illegal sale of all intoxicating liquors in the town

Voted that the said Committee consist of five persons  
Chas David Perham, Amos Carlton Jno Benjamin  
Dudley, W<sup>m</sup> R Cochran & W<sup>m</sup> H Clark  
Said Committee

Voted that the Selectmen be authorised to draw their order  
for any sum not exceeding twenty five dollars,  
to be paid out of any monies not otherwise appro-  
priated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses  
of the above Committee

Voted To dissolve the meeting

W<sup>m</sup> S. Flanders Mod<sup>r</sup>

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk



Report of the School Committee 331  
for 1848 & 9

The Ho School Committee of Chelmsford, respectfully submit to the Town the following report of our doings the past year

Our Committee have endeavored to superintend the important work intrusted to them with fidelity to you & your children. We take pleasure in stating that the teachers employed in the several districts have given their employers & your Committee a good degree of satisfaction. It is our candid opinion that the money appropriated in the Spring of 48, to the support of our schools has nearly all been judiciously & profitably expended. - It is further appraised to exclude incompetent teachers from this very important department of training the minds of our children. - We have felt ourselves compelled to close the door against only one applicant.

The agents of the several districts have been so skilful or so fortunate in their selection of candidates for the teachers office that we have not been subjected to the pain of rejecting same in one instance.

The usual plan of visiting the schools has been adopted the past year. - The eleven schools of Summer were divided into three classes. One of four was placed under the superintendence of the Chairman; another of the same number was taken charge of by the Secretary. The remaining three were visited by the other members of the Committee. In the winter term the twelve schools were divided into two classes of six each. - The Chairman visited the whole twelve & each of the other members of the Committee visited six. Each term of each school has received two formal visits from one or two of the Committee. - The Committee organized by appointing Rev. John Parkhurst Chairman & B. Filclark Secretary, after which, the plan just described was adopted.

We will now give a brief description of each School. - The summer school in district No 1

was taught by a member of the district. A young lady of rare qualities for a teacher. Under her faithful & skilful tuition, the scholars made such improvement as afforded a high degree of gratification to some sixty visitors present upon examination day. - Whole number of scholars, 73 average attend-  
ance 61. Teacher \$15, board included. Length of school five months. - The winter school in this district was divided as usual. The senior department was conducted with much energy and decision. It seemed to be the object of the teacher not to see how much ground he could cultivate but how productive he could make a given spot.

The pupils made very commendable proficiency in Geography, Grammar, reading & in fractions, vulgar & decimal, in which they were drilled with uncommon fidelity. - This teacher evidently aimed to make every step in their progress radiant with the light of intelligence. - Whole No. of scholars 34 average attendance 25+. Teacher wages \$30<sup>#</sup> per month including board. Length of school 2 months & 3 weeks.

The juvenile department was taught by the young lady who taught the same department the winter previous & also the last summer term in this district. - Under her spirited & efficient supervision the scholars made important advances in the several studies to which their attention was directed. In knowledge of Geography in drawing maps, and, considering their ages, in English composition they evidently bore the palm. - Whole No. of scholars 63, average attendance 48. Teacher wages including board \$16. - Length of school two months.

The summer school in district No. 2, was taught by a young lady who was very successful in this her first effort in this department of labor. - The order was good, & the improvement made, was very gratifying to all interested. - Whole number of scholars, 25 - average attendance 22. Teacher wages including board \$10.67. Length of school 3 mo. & 5 days.

At this is an error. It should have been \$30 dollars, and board \$15. making \$45, including board.



The winter term was commenced by a young man who never taught before. He passed a good examination but did not succeed well in his new business - Some complaint was made to him respecting his management, & he left abruptly after teaching a few weeks without notifying the Committee of his intention - The agent employed the young lady who taught the summer term, to finish the School, but on account of sickness in the district, she left the School unfinished & without examination.

The Secretary visited the school during the first week of the young lady's administration & was pleased with her management & the appearance of the scholars.

Whole number of Scholars 30. Average attendance 27 - Teacher's wages including board \$16. - Length of School <sup>140</sup>2-2 <sup>17</sup>2 <sup>days</sup>3

The summer School in district No. 3, was left prosperously conducted than in some former years.

The teacher was conscientious & in many respects, well qualified for her office, but failed to excite that interest in the studies attended to, without which little progress will be made - Whole number of scholars 35 - Average attendance 26+ Teacher's wages including board \$14 - Length of school 3 months

The winter school occupied a less elevated position than in some former years - The ambition of the larger scholars was not sufficiently excited - The reins of government were held with a too slack a hand, & the playfulness natural to children was tolerated to an unwarrantable extent - Nevertheless, the school which contained some very good scholars appeared to considerable advantage at the closing examination - Improvement in Geography and in composition was very apparent - Whole No. of scholars 57 - average attendance 40+ Teacher's wages including board \$25, - Length of school  $2\frac{1}{4}$  months

The summer school in district No. 4 was taught by a young lady of school keeping talents of an high order. She governed her pupils discreetly and conducted them happily as far as they went with commendable thoroughness - The whole

number of scholars 18; average attendance 15  
 Teacher wages including board \$12. - Length  
 of school 3 months & 3 days.

The winter school was taught by a young lady  
 of good education, great conscientiousness, and  
 fine musical talents - This was one of the longest  
 schools in town, & was conducted, if not to the entire  
 satisfaction of all interested, yet with tolerable  
 success, if we may judge from the closing exam-  
 inations. - Though some of the pupils were absent  
 on examination day, your Committee had occasion to  
 use the language of approbation in reference to those  
 present - They read with a good degree of correctness  
 recited their lessons promptly & sang charmingly.

Whole No. of scholars 31 - average attendance 24  
 Teacher wages including board \$16, - Length of  
 school  $3\frac{1}{2}$  months - The summer school in  
 district No. 5, was taught by one inexperienced in  
 teaching, yet she acquitted herself in a manner  
 satisfactory to your Committee & her employers.

While her pupils made evident improve-  
 ment in the various studies commonly pursued in  
 our summer schools, they were trained mainly  
 by the law of kindness to habits of strict  
 obedience - Whole No. of scholars 27 - average  
 attendance 20 - Teacher wages including board \$12,  
 Length of school 3 months - The winter  
 school was taught by a man of great experience  
 in this department of labor, having devoted a  
 portion of each year, <sup>to it</sup> for a third of a century.

Notwithstanding the objections so strongly urged  
 by some of this generation against grey headed  
 teachers your Committee had evidence that  
 the school was profited by the privileges they  
 enjoyed - Though seriously interrupted towards  
 the close by the prevalence of the influenza this  
 school gave pleasing evidence of having made  
 proficiency in the branches which are usually taught  
 in our winter schools - The improvement in pres-



manners was especially noticeable - The order  
reminded us of a well regulated family

Whole number of scholars, 34. average attendance  
30 - Teacher wages including board \$24, Length  
of School  $2\frac{1}{2}$  months - The summer

school in Dist. No. 6 was very small, but the teacher  
succeeded in winning the affections & respect of  
the pupils, in training them to habits of order &  
obedience, & in leading them on in their studies  
in a manner satisfactory to your Committee

Whole No. of scholars 12. average attendance  
9 - Length of School 2 months 15 days  
Teacher wages including board \$14, 20 -

The winter school was small at its commencement  
but increased towards its close. A fact that speaks  
well for the teacher - Let the parents in this district  
be encouraged to keep the school system in operation  
among them & not neglect their children because  
they are few - Whole No. of scholars 14. average  
attendance 11 - Teacher wages \$23. - Length of  
School  $2\frac{1}{2}$  months - The summer school

in district No. 7 was taught by a young lady of  
good report in the department of teaching & much  
was expected of her. The committee are happy  
to state that their expectations were fully met

Though the school was short, commendable  
improvement was made - Whole No. of scholars  
19 - average attendance 15 - Teacher wages including  
board, per month, \$10. - Length of school  $2\frac{1}{4}$  months

The winter school in this district was  
taught by a young man unpracticed in school  
keeping, but happily successful in his first effort  
in guiding young minds in the pursuit of knowledge

The mental powers of the pupils were awakened,  
stimulated & trained to reasoning. They were not  
only required to give a correct answer, but to  
know that it was correct. Their improvement  
in the several branches of study was manifest

The order was excellent - Whole No. of scholars

25. Average attendance 19 - Teacher wages including board \$24. - Length of School  $2\frac{1}{2}$  months

The summer school in district No. 8 was taught by a young lady belonging to the district. The fact that she has taught this school three successive summers, & is engaged for a fourth term is a strong indication that she has given satisfaction to her employers. Her health was feeble toward the close of the term, still the examination exhibited evidence of her faithfulness & skill.

Whole No. of Scholars 52. Average attendance 40  
Teacher wages including board for month \$12.00

Length of School 4 months - The winter school was conducted in a manner highly gratifying to your committee - The order could not be surpassed. Much attention was paid to correct pronunciation, & other elements of good reading, and every branch was taught in a lucid and workmanlike manner. Whole No. of Scholars 53  
Average attendance 34 + Teacher wages including board for month \$33. - Length of School  $2\frac{1}{2}$  months

Summer school in Dist. No. 9 was very successfully conducted by a young lady admirably qualified for the business of teaching. She won the affections & the respect of her pupils, while she imparted to them an unusual amount of knowledge. The examination was one of the most interesting your committee ever attended. Several interesting compositions were read & several beautiful songs were prettily sung. & several interesting historical facts derived from the history of the world, of our country & of our own town, were interspersed with admirable skill to relieve the tedium of an examination. It was evident that special preparation was made for the occasion. It was also evident that that preparation was of a character which could not have been made without greatly benefiting the pupils. This teacher has had the offer of the school for the approaching summer, but alas! Consumption, that great destroyer



of Parents hopes & lovers bright anticipations, has fastened itself upon her frail form, & will probably soon number her with its victims.

Whole No. of scholars 63 Average attendance 44.  
Teacher wages including board for month \$14.

Length of school  $4\frac{1}{2}$  months. The winter school was taught by a young man who has been employed in another district in town, and has given general satisfaction in both. The order was good & the recitations exhibited evidence of improvement. Several of the pupils have gone over the studies prescribed by law, or nearly over them, & have the past winter attended to some of the higher branches of learning. A number of compositions were read, which exhibited correct sentiment, & a good degree of skill in the arrangement of sentences. The examination was rendered less tiresome & more interesting by the singing of a few appropriate songs. Whole No. of scholars 65 Average attendance 50. Teacher wages including board for month \$30. Length of school  $3\frac{3}{4}$  months.

The summer school in Dist. No. 10 was taught by a young lady from the neighborhood who discharged her duties faithfully and successfully. The examination afforded evidence of improvement on the part of the pupils. Considerable attention was paid to music, the children sang several pieces very well. Whole number of scholars 42 Average attendance 21. Teacher wages for month including board \$12. Length of school  $1\frac{1}{4}$  months.

The winter school was taught by a female well adapted to the condition of the children entrusted to her care. Under the influence of her kind & persevering labor the school, though less advanced than most others in town, made evident progress.

The school in District No. 11, ever

Since the organization of the district has been taught by females exclusively. It has usually commenced in April and continued, with some few short vacations till the 23rd of May has been expended.

The school has become so large that the district have employed two teachers, six months & three weeks of the past year, & one, two months & three weeks making in all  $9\frac{1}{2}$  months of School. During the warm season of the long term, one of the teachers held her classes in the wood room when the weather would not permit this, both teachers held recitations at the same time in the school room. This operation was decidedly unfavorable to good order. The teachers were faithful, and were instrumental in securing a good degree of improvement to the scholars. Whole number of scholars during the long term 104 (a few of them were present but a few days) - average attendance 76. Wages of both teachers for month including board \$26. - The short, or winter term, was taught by a young lady of superior education, & possessing other qualifications for a teacher. The order of the school under her direction was improved. The closing examination was made interesting by the singing of several pretty songs. The recitations showed a manifest increase of knowledge on the part of the pupils. It is very evident to the committee that unless some efficient measures are used to prevent the introduction of children into this district, that the capacity of the house now occupied by the school will very soon be more than taxed. If the plan, talked of by members of this & the adjoining district, could be executed, the committee believe it would be a great and mutual benefit.



This plan, as we are informed, contemplates the union of the two districts, & the erection of a house that will accommodate both schools.

District No. 8, are in suffering need of a new house, in a new location. Their present house is very unfavorably situated, & its construction is bad. Whether the contemplated plan, or any one like it, will be executed soon, or ever, time will reveal. The school house in District No. 9, with the ground around it, ought to be raised. The house should be furnished with new seats, constructed with reference to the comfort of the occupants.

The committee are strongly of the opinion that many benefits would result from the introduction of music as one of the exercises in each of our schools. They think that the little time necessarily allotted to this branch would be profitably spent. They would individually adopt the language of the Hon. Stephen C. Phillips, of Salem upon this subject. That gentleman says, "Of the good effect of Musical instruction I am entirely convinced. So far as I have observed, the spirit of the school is always affected by it, & for the better; and in various ways, it operates to make discipline lighter & easier." There are several other topics, on which we would remark, if our report were to be read at any other than the April meeting. Anticipating that very few of our fellow citizens would be present on this occasion we omit some topics on which we should like to remark, and close with the request that the Agents of the several districts shall make special efforts, in selecting teachers, to select none but those they have good reason to believe are well qualified, because it is a very unpleasant for the committee to withhold their approbation from an applicant.

It is the opinion of the oldest member of this board, that during the last seven years, they have saved the town, more than it has cost to pay them for their services, by preventing incompetent teachers from taking charge of our schools - The numerous several instances in which the rejection of an incompetent applicant, has been followed with the presentation of one who has been readily accepted, & has proved eminently successful.

The first Applicant for the school in District No. 9 last spring was rejected.

The second was accepted & proved to be one of our best teachers.

The foregoing is respectfully submitted  
by

|                |                                                     |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| John Parkhurst | } Superintending<br>School Committee<br>of Guilford |
| Joseph Reed    |                                                     |
| B. F. Clark    |                                                     |

April 2<sup>d</sup> 1849

Read & accepted in town meeting,

Recorded by E. F. Weston Town Clerk









Militia Roll for 1869  
as made out by the assessors & returned to the  
adjutant General's office May 23<sup>d</sup> 1869

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|                       |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Adams Abiel C.        | Bryant Marcus S.       |
| Adams Oliver Jr       | Bryant Wm A.           |
| Adams Calvin W.       | Bryant Stillman        |
| Barber Daniel         | Chamberlain Robt B. Jr |
| Butterfield Jonas C.  | Chamberlain Daniel     |
| Butterfield Revuey J. | Chamberlain Joseph S.  |
| Bird Charles T.       | Coburn John            |
| Bird Henry M.         | Cross Charles          |
| Blodgett Fred W.      | Cogswell S. W.         |
| Blood Caleb           | Cogswell L. W.         |
| Blood Geo. H.         | Clark David P.         |
| Blood Nathaniel       | Clark Wm H.            |
| Blood Charles S.      | Chapman John           |
| Born A. S. S.         | Chase John E.          |
| Brown Allen           | Carlton Eli B.         |
| Barnes Isaac P.       | Carlton Walter E.      |
| Barnes Robert C.      | Connelly James         |
| Barnes Alpheus        | Church Joseph R.       |
| Barnes Sewall         | Cobb Wilson            |
| Brackley Silas        | Cobb Wm S.             |
| Brackley John         | Charles Orgood         |
| Blake Edwin W.        | Corodry Francis B.     |
| Blake Edward F.       | Cory George            |
| Blake Lyman           | Croft Samuel L.        |
| Bartlett Ichabod      | Dunn Simon             |
| Bond Joseph E.        | Drake Nathaniel        |
| Bachelder Orrin       | Davis Amos             |
| Bramore George        | Davis Solomon A.       |
| Bearee Elijah S.      | Sexton Bartlett W.     |
| Brittan Land B.       | Sexton Daniel S.       |
| Brown Charles         | Durant Thomas          |
| Brown Cordona H.      | Doughless Theodore     |
| Blaisdell Joel        | Dutton Hildreth P.     |
| Blaisdell Sumner      | Drew George            |
| Brightman Joseph      | Edkinson Harry P.      |
| Bickford Moses        | Edmund Nathan P.       |
| Bradford Henry        | Dear Joshua            |
| Bryant Geo. H.        |                        |

Edwards P. L.  
 Edwards S. J.  
 Edwinsth Rochester  
 Edwards Isaiah  
 Edwards Moses  
 Fernier Andrew S.  
 Fisher Geo. D.  
 Farr Levi  
 Farr John  
 Firke Benjamin M.  
 Fletcher Jane S.  
 Fletcher Robert L.  
 Fletcher Josiah R.  
 Fletcher William  
 Fletcher Joseph  
 Frank Charles A.  
 Frank Levi  
 Flagg Timothy  
 Fox Edwin J.  
 Foster Jonathan P.  
 Gier Frederic  
 Gaudin Henry  
 Gould Charles  
 Gould William  
 Griffin Moses  
 Goss John F.  
 Grow Alonzo  
 Gilligan John  
 Hale Calvin G.  
 Hall Harrison  
 Hall Oscar R.  
 Harwood Rufus  
 Hamblett Reuben R.  
 Hardy Jane E.  
 Holmes Jason F.  
 Hayward Isaac B.  
 Howard Samuel  
 Howard Calvin  
 Hentze Henry

Hill Joseph  
 Hill Asa Jr.  
 Hildreth Benj. M.  
 Hunter William  
 Hodges Benjamin F.  
 Hunt Joshua  
 Irish Edward  
 Johnson Horace  
 Johnson John W.  
 Josselyn Edwin  
 Jones Samuel  
 Kittredge Joel C.  
 Kerry Henry  
 Kinnon Willard M.  
 King James  
 King Samuel  
 Kendall Geo. W.  
 Kelley Andrew K.  
 Knuttle Anthony  
 Knuttle Joseph W.  
 Knuttle Geo. S.  
 Knuttle Andrew J.  
 Lathrop Wilcome  
 Lapham Wm.  
 Lincoln Jonathan  
 Lindsay Nathaniel  
 Livingston Benj. F.  
 Loring Eladison  
 Marston Jane C.  
 Marshall Elin H.  
 Marshall Benj. B.  
 Marshall Rufus W.  
 Mansfield J. C.  
 Mansfield Graph  
 Mansfield L. J.  
 Manning Wm.  
 Merriam D. G.  
 Merriam Barry D.  
 Merriam Geo. P.



Mead Albert H.  
 Moore Ephraim  
 Morse Silas B.  
 Mullikin John W.  
 Munger Harvey  
 M<sup>c</sup>Clanthia Simon L.  
 M<sup>c</sup>Intosh Salmon  
 M<sup>c</sup>Intosh Geo. W.  
 M<sup>c</sup>Intosh Amos B.  
 Nesmith Jacob S.  
 Nash James W.  
 Osborn Thomas  
 Obeas Oliver  
 Osgood Thos. T.  
 Osgood Augustus D.  
 Parks John D.  
 Palmer Moses  
 Page Horace M.  
 Page Albert  
 Poatt Wm. S.  
 Parker William  
 Parker S. G.  
 Parker Francis B.  
 Parker David A.  
 Parker Willard  
 Parker Charles  
 Parker Henry  
 Parker Thaddeus J.  
 Proctor Charles  
 Proctor David J.  
 Proctor Rufus  
 Proctor Henry B.  
 Proctor Alfred  
 Parkhurst Saul S.  
 Parkhurst Oliver J. C.  
 Parkhurst John 2<sup>d</sup>  
 Parkhurst John 3<sup>d</sup>  
 Perham Samuel P.  
 Perham Percy P.

Pelton Henry  
 Poor Thomas  
 Pray Abram S.  
 Pierce Hermon  
 Ramsay James S.  
 Ricker Timothy  
 Ridings Peter  
 Ripley Stearns  
 Roley Christopher  
 Robbins James  
 Roudy Saml C.  
 Simonds David S.  
 Sawyer Fredrick W.  
 Sawyer Avery S.  
 Sampson Albert  
 Shaw Elisha  
 Silver Harvey  
 Sleane John  
 Shackford E. G.  
 Smith Charles R.  
 Smith Joseph W.  
 Smith John H.  
 Sheldon Geo. T.  
 Southard Henry  
 Sturtevant Ezekiel L.  
 Shed John S.  
 Schoolcraft Bro  
 Sprague Horace  
 Sprague George  
 Spalding Jonathan  
 Spalding Paul  
 Spalding Isaac  
 Spalding Ellbridge G.  
 Spalding Ephraim B.  
 Spalding Ellbridge B.  
 Spalding George  
 Spalding Benjamin J.  
 Spalding Eli  
 Spalding Isaiah B.

Sumner William  
 Sumner Charles  
 Tuck David  
 Tupper Henry  
 Tupper John  
 Tupper Ezra A.  
 Tupper Clement  
 Ward James  
 Ward Patrick  
 Warren Augustus L.  
 Warren Edwin H.  
 Walker Benjn  
 Watson James M.  
 Wright Jonathan  
 Wright Paul B.

Whittier James  
 Whittier James  
 Whitwell Henry G.  
 Wilson Stephen M.  
 Wilson Supply C.  
 Wilson Daniel Jr.  
 Wood Joseph  
 Woodman Ellbridge G.  
 Wilcox Benjamin  
 Wyman Joseph  
 Young Charles  
 Young John  
 Young George

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Oliver Adams } Selectmen &  
 Joseph Reed } Assessors  
 Elisha Shaw }

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk



Perambulation of Town Lines } 353  
Billerica & Chelmsford }  
Oct. 16. 1849

We the Subscribers, Selectmen of Billerica  
& Chelmsford hereby certify that we have  
perambulated the lines & renewed the bounds  
between said Towns which are as follows to wit

- 1<sup>st</sup> At the corner of Billerica, Carlisle & Chelms-  
ford in the Davis meadow (so called) which is  
the corner bound Marked B. C. C.,
- 2<sup>d</sup> By the wall near where the Davis house once  
stood Marked B. C.,
- 3<sup>d</sup> On the road leading from Chelmsford to  
Bedford near the house of Abel Spalding  
marked B. C.,
- 4<sup>th</sup> On the road leading from Chelmsford  
to Billerica on the north side of said road  
near land of W<sup>m</sup> Manning marked B. C.,
- 5<sup>th</sup> On the westerly side of the Lowell road, a  
few rods south of the Brickyard marked B. C.,
- 6 At the Concord River where the Pawtucket  
stake (so called) stood marked B. C.

Sudley Foster } Selectmen of  
Gardner Parker } Billerica  
Oliver Adams } Selectmen of  
Joseph Reed } Chelmsford

Recorded by E. F. Webster T. Clerk

Election Nov 12. 1849

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor & Lieutenant Governor holden on the twelfth day of November, being the second Monday of Said Month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty nine for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor & Lieut Governor of this Commonwealth, the whole number of persons who gave in their votes was ascertained, as is directed in the Revised Statutes, (Chap. 4. Sec 13,) by counting the whole number of separate ballots given in, and the whole number of Ballots was two hundred and Eighty Eight

And the whole number of votes given in for Governor were sorted, counted & recorded, and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed; and said votes were for the following persons; *videlicet*

For Governor { George N. Briggs had one hundred thirty one  
George S. Blandell - one hundred & twenty five  
Stephen C. Phillips - thirty two

Otis Adams } Selectmen  
Joseph Reed } of  
Elisha Shaw } Chelmsford

Attest - J. F. Webster Town Clerk

For Warrant see page 357 - It not being returned to me until after the Town Meeting it was not recorded in its place  
E. F. W.



(Commonwealth of Massachusetts)

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex & Commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor & Lieut Governor, holden on the twelfth day of November being the second Monday of said Month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty nine for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of said Commonwealth, the whole number of persons who gave in their votes was ascertained as is directed by the Revised (Statute Chap 4. Sec. 13) by counting the whole number of separate ballots given in; and the whole number of ballots was two hundred eighty eight.

And the whole number of votes given in for Lieutenant Governor were sorted, counted & recorded, and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed; and said votes were for the following persons; viz:

John Reed had one hundred thirty one  
 Henry W. Cushman - one hundred twenty five  
 John Mills - thirty two

Otis Adams } Selectmen  
 Joseph Reed } of  
 Elisha Shaw } Chelmsford

Attest

E. F. Webster Town Clerk



For Lieut  
 Governor

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of  
 Dedham in the County of Middlesex & Commonwealth  
 of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to  
 vote for Senators, holden on the twelfth day of November  
 being the Second Monday of said Month, in the year of our  
 Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty nine, for the  
 purpose of giving in their votes for Senators for the  
 District of Middlesex, the whole number of persons who  
 gave in their votes was ascertained, as is directed in the Revised  
 Statutes (Chap. 11, Sec. 13.) by counting the number of  
 separate ballots given in; and the whole number of  
 ballots was two hundred & Eighty Six

And the whole number of votes were sorted, counted  
 & recorded, and declaration thereof made as by the Consti-  
 tution is directed; and said votes were for the following  
 persons; viz:

|                       |                             |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Joseph T. Buckingham  | had one hundred fifty seven |
| John W. Graves        | " one hundred fifty seven   |
| Charles Thompson      | " one hundred fifty seven   |
| Edwin Whitney         | " one hundred fifty seven   |
| Charles Choate        | " one hundred fifty seven   |
| Arnold Hutchinson     | " one hundred fifty seven   |
| Tappan Wentworth      | " one hundred twenty five   |
| Alfred Allen          | " one hundred twenty nine   |
| Abijah Ellis          | " one hundred twenty nine   |
| John S. Keyes         | " one hundred twenty nine   |
| Henry P. Fairbanks    | one hundred twenty nine     |
| Frederic A. Worcester | one hundred twenty nine     |



Middlesex: To either of the Constables of the town  
of Chelmsford - Greeting -

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
you are hereby required to notify & warn the inhabitants  
of said Town qualified by the Constitution to vote in Election  
to meet at the Town Hall on Monday the twelfth day  
of November next at nine O'clock in the forenoon to bring  
in their votes to the Selectmen for Governor & Lieutenant  
Governor of this Commonwealth and for six Senators for  
the district of Middlesex on one ballot for the coming  
year - Also, for a suitable person to represent the town  
in the next General Court to be holden at Boston on  
the first Wednesday of January next. The Polls to be  
opened at ten O'clock

you are also directed to warn the inhabitants of  
said Town qualified by law to vote in town affairs  
to assemble at the same time & place to act on the  
following articles viz: -

- 1<sup>st</sup> - To choose a moderator
- 2<sup>d</sup> - To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer  
to borrow money on the credit of the town to meet  
the demands against the town in consequence of constructing  
the Hartwell Road, or take any other course to meet  
said demands that may be thought proper
- 3<sup>d</sup> - To hear the Report of Selectmen of establishing bounds  
of the road leading from near the house of Charles  
Swett to the road leading from North Chelmsford to  
Lowell, and act thereon, or act anything in  
relation to said road or obstructions on the same  
that may be deemed necessary
- 4<sup>th</sup> - To hear the Report of Selectmen of laying out a piece  
of new road leading from the old Turnpike to the  
road leading from North Chelmsford to Lowell, also  
another piece of New road, being a continuation of  
Silver Street to house of Lewis Ripley and  
act thereon
- 5<sup>th</sup> - To hear the Report of the Selectmen of the laying out  
of a piece of new road leading from the road

from Baptist Village in Chelmsford to Lowell, commencing at Sewall Parkhurst's meadow, and ending near the house of Moses Bickford, and act thereon

6<sup>th</sup> At the request of Daniel Proctor & others. To see if the town will vote to reduce the ~~inclination~~ of the Harwood hill / so called / on the road from Chelmsford Centre to Baptist Village to three degrees, & all other hills on the same road to two degrees, or act in relation to the same

7<sup>th</sup> At the request of W<sup>m</sup> A. Pyper. To see if the Town will vote to open the bridle way from the road near his house to the road from Chelmsford Meetinghouse to Baptist Village, or act thereon

8<sup>th</sup> To hear the Report of any Committee that may have been chosen at ~~a~~ former meetings of the Town, whose duty may require a report and act on the same

9<sup>th</sup> At the request of the Overseers of the Poor. To see if the Town will choose a committee to examine the buildings on the Poor Farm and report to the town for their acceptance any alterations or repairs they may deem necessary

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at each of the public meeting houses in said Town excepting the Central Baptist, and one at the Tavern of Arnold Burt, in said Town / making six copies in number / so that the same may stand over two Sabbaths previous to the time of holding the meeting aforesaid

Hereof fail not, & make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time & place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands & seals this twenty-ninth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty nine

Otis Adams } Selectmen of  
Joseph Reed } Chelmsford  
Elisha Shaw }

Middlesex Co - Chelmsford Nov. 1. 1849 - Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford herein described to meet at the time & place & for purposes within mentioned by posting up attested copies of this warrant at each of the public meeting houses in said town / excepting the Central Baptist / also one at the Tavern of Arnold Burt in said town on this first day of November

Per  
50c. each \$3.00

W. H. Clark } Constable of  
Chelmsford



Election of Town Representative 359  
Nov 12-1849

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford legally warned & holden on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Nov. 1849 for the purpose of Choosing a suitable person to Represent them in the next General Court to be holden in Boston on the first Wednesday of January next the following proceedings were had to wit:—

The Polls were opened at 10 O'clock A.M. at the same time that the meeting for receiving votes for Governor &c was opened & closed at three O'clock P.M. - when the votes for town Representative were sorted, counted & declared & were as follows— Whole number of ballots 281. necessary to a choice 141—

Eli P. Parker had 148 & was chosen

Am<sup>2d</sup> Hadgman had 131

Joseph Warren — 1

Joseph Bowers — 1

Otis Adams } Selectmen  
Joseph Reed } of  
Elisha Shaw } Chelmsford.

Attest E. F. Webster Town Clerk  
(3)

360 Town Meeting Nov. 12 1849

Pursuant to the warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford qualified to vote in town affairs met at the Town Hall on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November A.D. 1849 & proceeded as follows

Chose Charles T. Bird Moderator

Voted To authorize the town Treasurer to borrow on the credit of the Town, such sum of money as may be necessary to defray the expense of building the Hartwell road, (so called,) not exceeding \$2000.

Voted To pass over the 3<sup>d</sup> article for the present

Heard the Report of the Selectmen on the laying out of the road from the Turnpike to the road from No. Chelmsford to Lowell

Voted To accept the Report

Heard the Report of the Selectmen on the laying out of the road to Lewis Ripley's - being a continuation of Silver Street

Voted To accept the Report

Heard the Report of the Selectmen on the laying out of the road from Sewall Parkhurst's meadows to near the house of Moses Bickford

Voted to refer the report to a Committee of three persons to be chosen by nomination, to ascertain the wants of the people in Acton, <sup>& make some arrangements with them</sup> if possible, & report at a future meeting

Chose E. F. Webster, Asa Hodgman 2<sup>d</sup> & Joseph Manning said Committee

Voted That if any vacancy should occur in the above Committee the remaining members be authorized to fill said vacancy

Voted to take up the 2<sup>d</sup> article again

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized to add \$500, to the amount he is authorized to borrow by a prior vote, which extends the sum to which he is limited to \$2500, --

Voted To refer the 6<sup>th</sup> article in the warrant to the same Committee to whom was referred the 5<sup>th</sup> article



Voted To dismiss the 7<sup>th</sup> article in the warrant  
 Read the Report of the Committee relating to the bounds of  
 the Road near the North Chelmsford Meetinghouse

Voted To accept the Report

Read the Report of the Selectmen of their doings in relation  
 to establishing the bounds of the road near Charles  
 Sweet's house

Voted To lay the Report on the table for the Town

Voted To choose a committee of five persons to examine  
 the school house & buildings on the town farm &  
 report to the town at a future meeting

Chose the overseers of the Poor and Eli P. Parker & Jonathan  
 Larcow said Committee - Sewall Parkhurst  
 one of the Overseers of the Poor declined serving on  
 the Committee & Daniel Proctor was chosen in  
 his stead

Voted To take up the Report of the Selectmen previously  
 laid on the table (which was the subject of the 3<sup>d</sup>  
 article in the warrant

Voted To choose a committee of three, to examine &  
 establish the bounds of the road near the home  
 of Charles Sweet, as they may deem right  
 & proper, & report to the town

Chose Alpheus Spalding Esqr Capt. Sherbick  
 Spalding & David Perkins said Committee

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Charles T. Bird Moderator

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk

Whereas by an Act of the Legislature of the Town of  
Chelmsford in said County; Enacting in  
the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
you are hereby required to notify & warn the  
inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to  
vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town  
Hall on Monday the twenty fourth day  
of December, instant, at One O'clock P.M.  
to act on the following articles viz:-

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator of this Meeting.
- 2<sup>d</sup> To take into consideration the Petition of  
Luther Conant & others for straightenings and  
pieces of new highway from a stone bridge  
on the Lowell road in the Eastern part of  
the town to the new road from Littleton to  
Chelmsford near the house of Josiah Byon  
and act thereon.
- 3<sup>d</sup> To hear the reports of any Committees that  
may have been chosen at any former meeting  
requiring them to report at this meeting.

And you are required to serve this  
Warrant by posting up copies attested by you  
as follows viz:- one at the Tavern of Arnold  
Berth and one at each of the public meeting  
houses in said town excepting the Centre Baptist  
so that the same may stand over two Sabbaths pre-  
vious to the time of holding the aforesaid meeting.

Whereof fail not, and make due return  
of this warrant with your doings thereon to the  
Town Clerk at or before the time of holding the  
meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands & seals this tenth  
day of December in the year of our Lord one  
thousand eight hundred and forty nine

(Attest & Seal) Solomon  
Joseph Reed } of Chelmsford

Middlesex Co. Dec. 15. 1849. I have served the within warrant by  
posting up attested copies of the same at each of the within named  
places so that the same may stand over two sabbaths before the  
time of holding this meeting.

Charles Procter } Constable of  
Chelmsford



At a meeting of the Taxpayers of the Town of  
Chelmsford qualified to vote in Town affairs  
held on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of December 1849 the  
following proceedings were had to wit:

Where Geo. Eli & Adams Moderators

Voted To choose a committee of three persons to  
oppose the laying out of the road petitioned  
for by Luther Comant & others.

Where E. F. Webster<sup>mod</sup>, Joseph Clancy<sup>cl</sup> and  
Hodgman 2<sup>d</sup> said Committee

Read the Report of the Committee on the  
House

Voted To recommend the Report to the Town Com-  
mittee with instructions to ascertain what  
the best town farm can be sold for  
and what another can be obtained for,  
or <sup>how</sup> any change <sup>can</sup> be made that in their  
opinion would be for the interest of the  
town; and Report at the next March  
meeting.

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Eli Adams Moderators

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk

364 Town Meeting Jan'y 21, 1830  
Warrant

Middlebury) To either of the Constables of the Town of  
Chelmsford in said County - Greeting

L.S. } In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
L.S. } you are required to notify & warn the Inhabitants of  
said Town qualified to vote in Town affairs to  
meet at the Town Hall on Monday the twenty first  
day of January Instant, at one o'clock in the  
afternoon to act on the following article, viz:

1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to govern the meeting

2<sup>d</sup> At the request of the Committee that was chosen  
to oppose the road prayed for by Sutter's Corners  
& others; to see if the town will alter the grade  
of the hills on the Byam road (so called) &  
make the straightening laid out by the Selectmen  
or give said Committee any instructions in  
reference to the roads aforesaid, or any other road  
having any connexion with the same or not any  
thing in relation thereto

3<sup>d</sup> To hear the report of any Committee necessary  
to be reported at this meeting & act thereon

And you are required to serve this warrant  
by posting up attested Copies of the same agree-  
ably to the votes of the town prescribing the  
manner of warning town meetings

If thereof fail not, and make due return  
of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the  
Town Clerk at or before the time of meeting  
as aforesaid

Given under our hands & seals this ninth  
day of January in the year of our Lord, one  
thousand eight hundred & fifty

Otis Adams } Selectman  
Joseph Reed } of Chelmsford

Middlebury for Jan'y 12<sup>th</sup> 1830 - I have served the within war-  
rant by posting up attested Copies of the same at  
each of the public meeting houses (excepting the Baptist  
at the middle of the town) and one at the tavern of  
Donald Hunt in said town, two sabbaths before the  
time of holding this meeting  
Charles Proctor Constable of  
Middlebury



At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford, qualified to vote in Town affairs held at the Town Hall on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 1830 the following proceedings were had

Chose Otis Adams Moderator

Heard the Report of the Committee on the road petitions for by Luther Conant & others - (see Report on file)  
 Voted That the Selectmen, or a Committee chosen for that purpose, shall cause the Harwood Hill (so called), to be reduced to a 3 degree grade, and all other hills on the Bryan road (so called) to be reduced to 2 degrees or avoided by going around them, provided it can be conducted for, for the sum of 1300 dollars, in season to prevent the laying out of the road petitions for by Luther Conant & others. Said sum to include all expenses -

Voted To choose a Committee of 3 for the above purpose

Chose Daniel Proctor - Elijah Richardson Jr. & Ezekiel Bryan said Committee

Voted To dissolve the Meeting

Otis Adams Mod<sup>r</sup>

Recorded by E. F. Walcott Town Clerk

366 Annual Meeting March 1830  
(Warrant)

- Whereas To W<sup>m</sup> H. Clark one of the Constables  
of the Town of Chelmsford in said County County  
L.S. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
L.S. you are hereby required to notify & warn the Inhab-  
L.S. itants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in Town  
affairs to assemble at the Town Hall on Monday the  
fourth day of March next at nine O'Clock in  
the forenoon to act on the following articles viz:
- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to preside at the meeting
  - 2<sup>d</sup> To choose all necessary town officers for the year  
ensuing.
  - 3<sup>d</sup> To hear the Report of the Selectmen of the laying  
out of pieces of new road from near the Butterfield  
house & called to a point on the Byam road near  
the house of Calvin T. Wright - also of discontinuance  
of pieces of old road from the foot of Sawpit hill  
to their intersection with other roads & act thereon
  - 4<sup>th</sup> To hear report of Committee chosen by the town  
that may be presented at this meeting & act thereon
  - 5<sup>th</sup> To raise money for the support of Schools, roads, the  
Poor & all other Town charges
  - 6 To bring in their votes for a Treasurer for the  
County of Middlesex -
  - 7<sup>th</sup> At the request of John Wilson - to see if the  
Town will make him any allowance for expenses  
incurred by him in consequence of the sickness  
& death of a person at his house in 1848
  - 8<sup>th</sup> To prescribe the mode of repairing the Roads &  
Bridges the Ensuing year

And you are required to serve this warrant by  
posting up attested copies thereof at the following  
places viz: one at the Tavern of Arnold Burt  
& one at each of the public meeting houses in said  
town, excepting the Centre Baptist, so that the same may  
stand over two Sabbaths previous to the time of  
holding the aforesaid meeting

Whereof you will not and make due return  
of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the



Town Clerk, at or before the time of holding the  
meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hand & seal this  
twentieth day of February in the year of our  
Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty.

(Attest) I do

Joseph Reed ) Secretary of  
(Elisha Shaw ) (Chelmsford

Middlesex: North Chelmsford Feby 22. 1832

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the  
inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford herein described  
to meet at the time & place & for the purposes written  
mentioned by posting up attested copies of this  
warrant at each of the public Meeting houses  
in said town, excepting the Centric Baptist - also  
one at the house of Arnold Best on this  
the ~~twenty~~ second day of February.

Wm H. Clark, Constable of  
Chelmsford

Recorded by E. F. Weston Town Clerk

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— }

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford qualified to vote in town affairs holden on the fourth day of March A.D. 1830, being the first Monday of said Month, the following votes were passed & proceedings had to wit:-

Chose Charles T. Bird Moderator

Voted to ballot for Town Clerk & Selectmen at the same time

Chose Eli F. Webster Town Clerk who was duly sworn by the Moderator in open town meeting

Whole No. of votes 79 - E. F. Webster had 66. H. B. Proctor

5. S. Parkhurst 4. S. William Fletcher 1 vote.

Closed the Polls for Selectmen - Whole no. of ballots 86 necessary for a choice 44

Samuel B. Hadley had 32. Christopher Riley 31 and

E. F. Webster 23 & were chosen - Olin Adams 34

Joseph Reid 37 & Shaw 33 - E. P. Spalding 11<sup>th</sup> - F. Burrows &

Capt. Asa Hodgman our votes each

Voted to take up the 6<sup>th</sup> article in the warrant in commission <sup>with the 2<sup>d</sup></sup>

Chose Joseph Manning Town Treasurer - whole no. of votes 40. Maj. Manning had 66. H. P. Dutton 4 votes

Voted to choose three members of the Poor

Chose Shembiah Spalding Jr. Sewall Parkhurst & Benj<sup>n</sup> Fittodges

Voted to choose two Constables

Chose Charles Proctor & W<sup>m</sup> H. Clark. (Clark declined)

Chose Charles A. Blood Constable in place of W<sup>m</sup> H. Clark

Voted to choose three superintending School Committee

Voted to adjourn for 30 minutes - to meet again at one

O'clock P. M. - Met according to adjournment

Closed the Polls for School Committee - whole no. of votes

22. necessary for a choice 12 - Rev. B. F. Clark had 22.

Dr. A. B. Edwards 16 & Dr. J. C. Barthol 19 votes &

were chosen

Closed the Polls for County Treasurer

The whole number of ballots was 70.

Stedman Buttrick Esq. of Concord had

70 votes being all the votes cast

Chose H. P. Dutton - Owen Emerson - Calvin F. Wright

Samuel S. Parker - Thomas Marshall. Marshall

Moore. Charles Sweet - Samuel Howard.



Frederic T. Sawyer Joseph Manning & Oliver Adams  
 Junior Highway Surveyors Owen Emerson &  
 Calvin T. Wright declined serving

Voted To choose B. Wighams of Hays

Chose Adolphus Burt George T. Shelden - Benjamin  
 Hale J. Richardson Fletcher & Oliver Howard

Voted To choose 3 field surveyors

Chose Isaac Adams & John Adams & Charles Parker H. B.  
 Parker John W. Sullivan & Benjamin C. Sawyer  
 & John W. Sullivan & Benjamin C. Sawyer

Chose Isaac Fletcher Parker Sullivan & Oliver Adams  
 & John G. Beane

Voted To choose Surveyors for the year

Chose Charles Proctor, Lauron Ballard C. T. Parker S. P.  
 Bradley John S. Sheld - J. H. Parkhurst & James  
 Bowers John Adams Stillman Byron John  
 Lawrence James Stillman & Charles Woodcock  
 & W. K. Cochran & John S. Sheld

Voted To choose Assessors & Wood & Hays

Chose J. S. Parkhurst John Adams Stillman Byron  
 Stillman Spalding Isaac Byron & Charles  
 B. F. Spalding James Stillman S. P. Bradley Lauron  
 Ballard Charles Proctor - Wm. Sweet Wm. K. Cochran  
 & Alpheus Bowers & Thos. F. Adams

Voted That all who have been chosen to office & take an  
 oath is required, be now sworn

After repeated trials to elect a surveyor in the dist  
 where Jaber Stearns served last year, who would accept  
 the office it was then

Voted To defer any further action on that subject for the present

Voted To dispense with further action as to swearing in town officers

Chose Isaac Oliver Adams Joseph Manning & Samuel P. Berham, a  
 Committee to make the annual settlement with the town  
 Treasurer

Chose Asa Hadgman 2<sup>d</sup> Joseph Manning & Sherbink Spalding  
 a Committee to appraise the property at the Elms house

Voted To choose a board of Assessors, separate from the Selectmen

Chose the Polls for Assessors. Whole no. of votes 91 - necessary for

a choice 46 - Asa Hadgman 2<sup>d</sup> had 73. Ch. T. Bird 73

\* Joseph Reed 51 & were chosen - Thos Marshall 27,  
 Webster 14 - S. P. Hadley 12 - Ch. Roby 12 - Otis Adams 5  
 Elisha Shaw 5 - Henry Silen, Joseph Manning, Jas B. Wright  
 & E. P. Spalding one vote each Capt Hadgeman &  
 Ch. T. Bird declined serving - J Reed accepted

Voted To choose a committee of 3 to be appointed by the Chair  
 select a list of candidates to fill the vacancies in the  
 board of assessors & selectmen Ch. Roby having  
 declined.

The Chair appointed Gent Benj Adams Owen Emerson & Joseph  
 Manning

Voted to take up the 3<sup>d</sup> article in the Warrant  
 Heard the Report of the Selectmen on the laying  
 out of certain alterations in the Byam Road  
 so called -

Voted That the Report of the Selectmen on the laying  
 out of certain alterations in the Byam Road  
 so called / be accepted - Provided that said  
 alterations can be effected & the Byam Road  
 (so called) be repaired, so as to prevent the Road  
 petitioned for by Luther Conant & others being  
 made, and provided also that said alterations  
 & repairs shall be made with an expense  
 to the town of a sum not exceeding fifteen  
 hundred dollars

Counted the Balls for assessors - whole no. of ballots 77  
 Henry Silen had 76. Joseph Manning 51 &  
 were chosen - Otis Adams had 26. Seattering 1 -

Henry <sup>Silen</sup> accepted & Joseph Manning declined  
 Ballotted again for an assessor - whole no votes 76  
 Otis Adams had 46 & was chosen E. F. Webster 20 -  
 seattering 10 - Otis Adams declined

Ballotted again for an assessor. whole no of votes 60  
 Wm F Burrows had 35 & was chosen

Ballotted for Selectman in place of Christopher Roby  
 Chose Henry Silen who declined serving  
 Heard the Report of the Committee to select with the  
 Treasurer

voted To accept the Report.



to report at the Committee on Finance

to accept the Report

to Report on the Committee's approval of the  
Procurator at the Commonwealth & for  
to accept the Report

Balloted again for a new School. The School  
was there at 11. The School had 7 & 10, 10, 10, 10  
& accepted

Voted to raise five hundred dollars for school,  
\$ 1300.00

Voted to raise twenty five hundred dollars for  
town charges \$ 2500.00

Voted to raise six hundred dollars for repairing  
roads & bridges \$ 600.00

Voted to refer the 7th article in the Annex to the  
next town meeting

E. F. Webster declined serving as Moderator

Voted to dismiss the meeting

Charles T. Bird Moderator

Recorded by E. F. Webster & Clerk

List of officers sworn in 1830  
 when an oath is by Law required

Joseph Reed } all sworn June 4 1830 in due  
 Overy Silver } (assessor) form as prescribed by the  
 H. R. Sutton } Statute of 1830  
 H. R. Sutton } Moderator

John Proctor } sworn June 4 1830  
 John Proctor }

David Perham } Sworn March 4 1830

Daniel A. Parker } Sworn March 4 1830

James Marshall } Sworn March 4 1830

Marshall Moore } " " "

Charles Sweet } declined & discharged in April

Sumner Howard } Sworn April 1 1830

Frederic T. Sawyer } Sworn April 1 1830

Isaac Adams Jr } Sworn May 1 1830

Wm. R. Spalding } sworn in April

Adolphus Burk } Sworn March 4 1830

George T. Sheldon } Sworn March 4 1830

Benjamin Hale } intelligible not residing in town 6 mos.

J. R. Fletcher } Sworn March 4 1830

Otis Howard } Sworn March 4 1830

Isaac Adams } Sworn March 4 1830

Otis Adams Jr } Sworn March 4 1830

Wm. R. Proctor } Sworn March 4 1830

Henry B. Proctor } Sworn March 4 1830

Amos W. Sutton } Sworn March 4 1830

Schuyler Corey } Sworn March 4 1830

Lowell Fletcher } Sworn March 4 1830

Parker Sutton } Sworn March 4 1830

Otis Adams } Sworn March 4 1830

Elijah D. Bearse } Sworn March 4 1830

Sworn in April

Sworn in April

Sworn in April



Surveyors of

Land

Charles P. Proctor Sworn March 16. 1850

Dawson Ballard

Eli P. Parker

Samuel P. Hadley Sworn March 11 1850

John S. Shed

Josiah R. Parkhurst

Stephen Bowers Sworn March 4<sup>th</sup> 1850

Jacob Stevens

Stillman Bryan

Thomas Marshall Sworn March 1. 18 1850

James Whittemore

George W. Woodward Sworn March 11. 1850 }  
Benj. Adams Esq.

Wm. K. Cochran Sworn March 4. 185

Assessors of

Ward & Bark

Samuel S. Parkhurst

Jacob Stevens

Stillman Bryan

Shenbich Spalding Jr

Josiah Bryan

Thomas Marshall Sworn March 4 1850

Benj. S. Spalding

James Whittemore

Samuel P. Hadley Sworn March 11. 1850

Dawson Ballard

Charles Proctor Sworn March 16<sup>th</sup> 1850

Wm. Sweet

Wm. K. Cochran Sworn March 4. 1850

Stephen Bowers

Shad. J. Adams

Geo. S. Wood (intelligible not a resident)

Oliver Griffin Collector of Taxes

Sworn June 3. 1837

374 Report of the Committee to settle with  
the Treasurer

The Committee chosen by the Town of Chelmsford  
to make the annual settlement with the Town  
Treasurer for the year ending March 31<sup>st</sup> 1830, having  
attended to that duty, ask leave to report as follows viz:-

The Treasurer charges himself with a balance in the Treasury

|                                                  |             |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| on the last annual settlement of                 | \$ 638. 64  |
| Cash received of H. P. Dutton collector for 1848 | 600. 10     |
| " " " " " " " " 1849                             | 4163. 08    |
| " " " " Sundry individuals                       | 3. 64       |
| " " " " State Treasury - School fund             | 80. 80      |
| " " " " " " Pauper Money                         | 34. 88      |
| - Brought on the credit of the town              | 2000. 00    |
| Amounting to                                     | \$ 7341. 04 |

And is credited by sundry town orders

|                                                          |             |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| and balance paid over & above the loan for Hartwell road | \$ 1826. 95 |
| By cash hired & paid for Hartwell road                   | 2000. 00    |
| Amounting to                                             | \$ 6826. 95 |
| Leaving a balance in the Treasury of                     | \$ 714. 09  |

The above is respectfully Submitted by

Joseph Manning }  
Asa Hodgman 2<sup>d</sup> } Committee  
Samuel Parker }

Examined to by Joseph Manning Treasurer

The Committee would also report, that they have ascertained as nearly  
as possible the liabilities of the town over & above its available means

|                               |             |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Orders on interest            | 1002. 94    |
| " " not on interest           | 13. 20      |
| Probable interest on orders   | 60. 18      |
| Estimated bills not presented | 123. 00     |
| Amount borrowed by Treasurer  | 2000. 00    |
| Amounting to                  | \$ 3201. 32 |

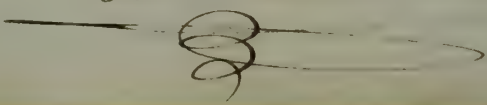
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|------------------------------------------|------------|
| Cash in Treasury                         | 714. 09    |
| Due from H. P. Dutton collector for 1848 | 103. 99    |
| Balance due for support of Paupers       | 48. 35     |
| Making                                   | \$ 866. 43 |

Leaving a balance against the town of \$ 2334. 89

Joseph Manning }  
Asa Hodgman 2<sup>d</sup> } Committee  
Samuel Parker }

Recorded by

E. F. Webster Town Clerk





The Court at the House of the Town of Chesham at their annual meeting, on March 1884 for the purpose of appraising the personal property of the town for the year 1884 and to that end have presented the following inventory of the property of the town:

|                               |        |                             |       |
|-------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------|-------|
| 4 New Mole Cans               | 116.00 | 1 Horse                     | 3.00  |
| 5 " " "                       | 10.00  | 1 " "                       | 3.00  |
| 1 " " "                       | 32.00  | 1 Horse Wagon               | 36.00 |
| 1 " " "                       | 33.00  | 1 " "                       | 13.00 |
| 24 " " "                      | 4.80   | 1 Wagon body & 2 axles      | 3.30  |
| 3 " " "                       | 24.00  | 1 Wheel-barrow              | 4.00  |
| Amount of Fine Stock 74.00    |        | 2 Iron axles                | 1.30  |
| 13 " " "                      | 130.00 | 1 Horse sled                | 7.00  |
| 1 3/4 " " "                   | 17.25  | 1 " " "                     | 10.00 |
| 57 " " "                      | 112.20 | 1 Sleigh                    | 10.00 |
| 6 " " "                       | 3.40   | 3 Cast Iron Hinges          | 11.00 |
| 3 " " "                       | 1.00   | 1 Sleigh                    | 1.30  |
| Amount of Hay & Grain 5216.85 |        | 1 " "                       | 1.00  |
| 124 " " "                     | 11.65  | 1 Set of harness teeth      | 1.00  |
| 5 " " "                       | 3.00   | 1 Sealing Tack              | 1.10  |
| 20 " " "                      | 1.20   | 4 Draw chains               | 3.00  |
| 6 " " "                       | 1.75   | Iron horse fetter           | .50   |
| 44 " " "                      | 7.72   | 2 Cedar Hds                 | 2.00  |
| 40 Bushels Potatoes           | 40.30  | 13 Dry casks                | 1.30  |
| 36 " " "                      | 9.00   | 1 " " "                     | .30   |
| 3 " " "                       | 54.00  | 1 Set Dry Measure           | .33   |
| 2 " " "                       | 28.00  | 4 Baskets                   | .75   |
| Salted Cucumbers              | 1.30   | 1 Wood Saw                  | 1.00  |
| Meal & Flour                  | 3.00   | 4 " " "                     | 2.30  |
| Amount of Potables 816.00     |        | 2 " " "                     | 1.10  |
| 4 " " "                       | 5.75   | 2 " " "                     | 2.00  |
| 2 Grain Chests                | 3.00   | 1 " " "                     | 1.25  |
| 6 Hay Rakes                   | .62    | 2 Harrow Hoes               | 1.30  |
| 8 " " "                       | 2.30   | 1 " " "                     | 2.00  |
| 6 Meal boxes                  | 2.30   | 3 Hoes                      | .75   |
| 1 Hay hook & 2 flails         | .62    | 2 Shovels                   | 1.30  |
| Cord, Curry comb & brush      | .50    | 24 Cords wood               | 68.00 |
| 2 " " "                       | .33    | 1 Grindstone, frame & crank | 3.50  |

|                                  |      |                       |       |
|----------------------------------|------|-----------------------|-------|
| 1 pair of shoes                  | .50  | 7 Iron Pins           | 1.00  |
| 1 pair of shoes                  | .50  | 3 Tin Pails           | .30   |
| 1 pair of shoes                  | 2.00 | 4 Iron Bobs & Killes  | 1.25  |
| 3 Angers & Chisels, screw driver | 1.25 | 1 Coffee Mill         | .30   |
| 2 pair of Trowsers               | .50  | 1 Bit & Stock         | .12   |
| 2 Saw & Iron Saw                 | 1.00 | 2 Clocks              | 3.00  |
| 1 Oil Hammer                     | .30  | 1 Gun                 | 2.00  |
| 1 Mouse Trap                     | .25  | 1 Umbrella            | 1.00  |
| 2 pair of Trowsers               | .20  | 2 Salt Mortars        | .25   |
| 5 Fire Sells                     | 3.00 | 1 Bread Knife         | .12   |
| 2 pair of Trowsers               | 1.00 | 1 Glass Lantern       | .50   |
| 1 Home Lamp                      | .25  | 1 Table Cloth         | 1.50  |
| 3 Brass Candlesticks             | .50  | 4 Roller Towels       | .66   |
| 2 Milk Cans                      | .50  | 53 Sheets             | 10.00 |
| 1 Churn                          | 2.00 | 18 Bed Rulies         | 18.00 |
| 1 Churn Press                    | 1.00 | 18 " Comforters       | 7.00  |
| 2 Cloth Brushes                  | .40  | 8 Woollen Blankets    | 2.50  |
| 10 pair of Trowsers              | 1.75 | 19 Feather Beds       | 16.00 |
| 2 Butcher Knives                 | .30  | 14 Bedsteads & boards | 4.25  |
| 1 Match Safe                     | .10  | 3 Open Stoves         | 7.00  |
| 32 Knives & forks                | 1.00 | 2 Cooking Stoves      | 30.00 |
| 2 Silver Spoons                  | 1.30 | 1 Lickens             | 3.00  |
| 10 Tea Spoons                    | .40  | 1 Cloth Basket        | .25   |
| 102 Table Spoons                 | .30  | 2 Glass Lamps         | .33   |
| 24 Tea Pans                      | 1.80 | 1 pair Stalyards      | .25   |
| 8 earthen Pans                   | .80  | 1 Gallon Keg          | .33   |
| 1 Stone Pot                      | .30  | 4 Meat Bags           | .50   |
| 6 pair of Trowsers               | 1.00 | 3 Sickles             | .25   |
| 14 earthen Pots                  | .75  | 2 Draw Knives         | .25   |
| 2 Mop Handles                    | .44  | 33 Chairs             | 3.83  |
| 3 Brooms                         | .33  | 10 Tables             | 3.00  |
| 1 Cloth Bandan                   | .10  | 15 Trunks             | 6.00  |
| 1 Bed-pan                        | 1.00 | 14 Chests             | 5.00  |
| 1 Warming pan                    | 1.00 | 3 Light Stands        | .75   |
| 2 Toasters                       | .25  | 16 Wooden Boxes       | 1.30  |
| 2 Grid Irons                     | 1.50 | 10 Butter f. skins    | 2.00  |
| 4 Iron Spiders                   | 1.00 | 1 Cabinet Chair       | 1.00  |
| 3 Bross & 1 Iron Skillet         | 5.00 | 3 Rocking Chairs      | 1.00  |



|                          |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| 7 Wash Tubs              | 4.25      |
| 6 doz Cloths Pins        | .60       |
| 2 Trays                  | .33       |
| 7 Looking Glasses        | 1.25      |
| 27 <sup>1/2</sup> Tallow | 10.70     |
| 2 Dish Sals              | .31       |
| 1 Buffalo Robes          | 1.50      |
| 2 Ladders                | .31       |
| 1 Chopping Knife         | .25       |
| 2 Iron tea Kettles       | .50       |
| 100 yds Bbl's cord       | 3.00      |
| Cooking & glass ware     | 4.00      |
| What amount              | \$1172.63 |

This account is respectfully submitted by  
Isa. Hodgson }  
Joseph Manning } Appraisers  
Shenbick Spalding }

Report of Committee on Ch. Swett's road

The subscribers, a committee appointed by the town at their last November meeting to examine and establish the bounds of the road near the house of Charles Swett as they deem right & proper & report to the town.

In accordance with the vote of the town, after obtaining all the records of the town in relation to this matter, met and after hearing all the parties interested, and looking over the town records and finding that there had been previously in 1846 a road legally laid out there by the Selectmen & accepted by the Town in Town Meeting on Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> 1846 from Charles Swett's home to the County road near the Stone bridge over Stony Brook - Your Committee came to the conclusion that they could not legally make any alteration in the bounds of said road

All which is respectfully submitted by  
Stephen Spalding }  
Shenbick Spalding } Committee  
David Perkins }

March 4. 1850

In town meeting read & accepted  
Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk

The Town in the County of Middlesex held on the first  
 day of March 1850, at the Court House in the County of Middlesex,  
 an article in the warrant for said meeting  
 was called to choose County Commissioners and Special  
 County Commissioners for said County, the Selectmen  
 of said Town, presiding officers, received the written votes of the  
 qualified voters of said Town for three County Commis-  
 sions, & for two Special County Commissioners, all an  
 ballot, for the following persons to wit:—

For County Commissioners

|                      |     |             |       |    |
|----------------------|-----|-------------|-------|----|
| Thomas W. Beard      | had | sixty four  | votes | 64 |
| Leonard Huntress     | "   | sixty four  | "     | 64 |
| Simon Brown          | "   | sixty three | "     | 63 |
| Samuel S. Richardson | "   | thirty nine | "     | 39 |
| Samuel Adams         | "   | forty three | "     | 43 |
| Eleazer Barker       | "   | fifteen     | "     | 15 |
| J. G. Abbott         | "   | five        | "     | 5  |
| Nahum Hardy          | "   | five        | "     | 5  |

(For Special Commissioners

|               |     |             |       |    |
|---------------|-----|-------------|-------|----|
| John Flaherty | had | sixty seven | votes | 67 |
| Nahum Hardy   | "   | sixty three | "     | 63 |
| J. H. B. Ayer | "   | forty four  | "     | 44 |
| Wm. Hastings  | "   | thirty nine | "     | 39 |

Said Selectmen, while said meeting was yet open, sorted  
 and counted the votes & ballots aforesaid & declared  
 the number of votes for each person as above speci-  
 fied, and that the whole number of ballots was  
 one hundred and eight for County Commissioners  
 and one hundred and seven for Special Commissioners

Oliver Adams }  
 Joseph Reed } Selectmen  
 Elisha Shaw }

Attest E. S. Lockster (Clerk)

( For Warrant. See next page )



## Warrant

- Middletown: To either of the Constables of the town  
L.S. of Chelmsford in the County of Essex  
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said town qualified by the Constitution to vote in Elections to assemble & meet at the Town Hall in said town on Monday the first day of April next at one of the Clock in the afternoon to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for three County Commissioners & for two Special Commissioners and one ballot for the County of Middlesex & also to notify & warn the Inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet at the same time & place to act on the following articles to wit:—
- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator of the Meeting
  - 2<sup>d</sup> To fill all vacant town offices
  - 3<sup>d</sup> To let out the Collection of taxes for the present year
  - 4<sup>th</sup> To prescribe the manner of dividing the School money
  - 5<sup>th</sup> To act on the 7<sup>th</sup> Article in the Warrant for March Meeting which was deferred to this Meeting
  - 6<sup>th</sup> To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to borrow such sum of money on the Credit of the town as may be necessary to meet any call on the Treasurer for which he might be otherwise unprepared
  - 7<sup>th</sup> To hear the Reports of any Committees that have been chosen & act thereon
  - 8<sup>th</sup> To hear the Report of a List of Jurors as selected by the Selectmen & act thereon
  - 9<sup>th</sup> At the request of Sewall & Solomon Parkhurst to be set off to the South Highway District, to act on the same & also at the request of the Selectmen to see if the town will prescribe to which Highway districts, the several pieces of new road which have been completed, or are now in progress shall belong, or act in relation to the same

Thereof fail not to make due return of  
this warrant with your doings thereon to our-  
selves at or before the time of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our Hands & seals this twentieth  
day of March in the year of our Lord one  
thousand eight hundred & fifty

(Wien & Schenker)

Joseph Reed & Son

Erlehn Sham } Chelmsford }

Middlesex Bt - March 20<sup>th</sup> 1830 - I have served  
the within warrant by posting up assorted  
copies of the same at the Tavern of Arnold Burt  
in said Chelmsford and at each of the public  
meeting houses in said town, excepting the Centre  
Baptist so that the same may stand over two  
Sabbaths before the time of holding this meeting

Charles Proctor Constable of }  
Lehamsford }

Chelmsford }



The Selectmen of the Town of the year  
qualified to act in the office of the  
to which an order April 1<sup>st</sup> 1850  
Selectmen of the year to the same and  
as decided in favor of to wit:—

When Charles A. Bird also to be

Voted to pass over the charges, Selectmen for  
the year 1850

Voted Not to choose a board of assessors, separate  
from the Selectmen.

Voted To choose a Committee of 5 to select & select  
a list of persons for assistant assessors to  
consist of one from each School district

Voted That the Committee be appointed by the town

The Moderator appointed Gent. Henry Adams, Isaac  
Wells Adams, Samuel L. Wood, Daniel Parker  
& Gardner Fletcher said Committee

The Committee Reported the following persons for  
Assistant assessors viz Josiah Fletcher

Jabez Stevens Daniel Proctor, Joseph Warrington  
Elbridge Sutton, Thomas Marshall, Ephraim  
Spalding, Solomon Adams, Samuel P. Hoadley  
John Farrar & Henry Silver.

Voted To accept the Report

When Samuel Howard & Ephraim P. Spalding high-  
way Surveyors

Chose Christopher Roby, Constable in place of  
Charles A. Blood who declined serving

Voted to let out the Collection of taxes on the same  
conditions as last year which were as follows

"That the collector shall allow & be allowed three per  
cent on all moneys collected & paid into the Treasury  
on or before the first day of August next. And shall  
complete the Collection & pay into the Treasury all  
the tax or on or before the Friday next preceding  
the first Monday of March next — In failure  
thereof he shall receive nothing for collecting, and  
shall pay interest on all moneys not paid into  
the Treasury on or before that day to wit: the Friday  
preceding the first Monday of March next"

... out up at auction ...  
... by Elmer Griffin

... of the ...

... be placed at  
... of the Selectmen to be divided among  
... at their discretion

... authorized to borrow such sum  
... exceeding  
1500 dollars

Read the Report of the School Committee

Voted To accept the Report

Read the List of furrows prepared by the Selectmen  
Voted To accept said List

Ordered the Polls for County Commissioners, / for which  
see page 378 /

Voted to refer the subject of the 9<sup>th</sup> article to the  
Selectmen

Read<sup>v</sup> the Report of the Selectmen on the widening and  
alteration of the road near Charles Seale's house

Voted To accept the Report

Voted That the Selectmen cause Stone Posts as bounds  
to said to be placed 3 feet into the ground

Voted That the 11<sup>th</sup> article be laid on the table

Voted To dissolve the meeting -

Charles T. Bird Moderator

Recorded by E. H. Wilster Town Clerk



List of Persons selected by A. S. Titman  
March 20<sup>th</sup> 1850 to serve as jurymen for the  
next three years or a till a new list shall  
be selected

Thomas J. Adams  
Benjamin A. Titman  
R. B. A. Titman  
David B. Br. Titman  
Charles T. Bird  
Harkness Dutton  
James Emerson  
Mark Sprague  
Samuel P. Hadley  
Asa Hadleyman 2<sup>d</sup>  
Oliver Heulekins  
Joseph Manning  
Thomas Marshall  
David Perkins  
Daniel Parker

Seventh Markham  
Samuel B. Perkins  
Joseph Wood  
Alpheus Spalding  
Christian Spalding Jr  
Alaska Shaw  
Harry Wilson  
James Stearns  
Christopher Kelly  
Joseph Warren  
Benjamin Dutton  
Benjamin T. Hadley  
David M. Titman

April 1. 1850. in town  
meeting Read & accepted

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk

Middlesex ss To either of the Constables of the Town  
of Chelmsford in said County - Greeting  
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you  
are hereby required to notify & warn the Inhabitants  
of said town qualified by the Constitution to vote in  
Elections, to assemble at the Town Hall on Monday the  
Sixth day of May next at two O'clock in the after-  
noon to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for two  
County Commissioners for the County of Middlesex residing in  
different towns, & for two Special Commissioners all on one  
ballot - And you are to serve this warrant by posting  
up <sup>an</sup> attested copies thereof at the Tavern in North Chelmsford  
& one at each of the public Meeting houses in said town except  
the Centre Baptist, so that the same may stand over two  
Sabbaths previous to the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this  
warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at or  
before the time of holding the aforesaid Meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty third day  
of April in the year of our Lord, one thousand Eight-  
hundred and fifty

Otis Adams )  
Joseph Reed } Selectmen of  
Elisha Shaw } Chelmsford

Middlesex ss - April 27. 1850. I have served the within  
warrant by posting up attested copies of the same  
at the Tavern in North Chelmsford, & one at each  
of the public meeting houses in said town, except  
the Centre Baptist, so that the same may stand  
over two Sabbaths before the time of holding this  
meeting.

Charles Proctor Constable of  
Chelmsford

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk.

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# Election of County Commissioners 385 May 6 - 1850 - ( second trial )

The Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford, qualified to vote in Elections met at the Town hall on Monday the Sixth day of May for the purpose of bringing in their votes for County Commissioners, pursuant to the foregoing Warrant & proceeded as follows

Opened the Polls at 1/4 past 2 O. Clock P.M.

Closed the Polls at 1/4 past 4 O. Clock P.M.

The whole number of ballots given in, being sorted

Counted & declaration thereof made in open town Meeting, were as follows: Whole no. of votes for County Commissioners were forty one

|                  |     |              |       |    |
|------------------|-----|--------------|-------|----|
| Leonard Thentrop | had | thirty one   | votes | 31 |
| Simon Brown      | "   | twenty seven | "     | 27 |
| Samuel Adams     | "   | fourteen     | "     | 14 |
| Eleazer Barker   | "   | three        | "     | 3  |
| James Dana       | "   | two          | "     | 2  |

Whole no. of ballots for Special Commissioners  
forty one

|                  |     |              |       |    |
|------------------|-----|--------------|-------|----|
| Saham Hardy      | had | twenty seven | votes | 27 |
| John Fletcher    | "   | twenty seven | "     | 27 |
| James H. B. Ayer | "   | fourteen     | "     | 14 |
| William Hastings | "   | fourteen     | "     | 14 |

Voted to dissolve the Meeting

|  |             |   |                            |
|--|-------------|---|----------------------------|
|  | Otis Adams  | } | Selectmen of<br>Chelmsford |
|  | Joseph Reed |   |                            |

Examined & Recorded by

E. F. Webster Town Clerk



# Militia Roll for 1852

as returned by the Assessor May - 1852

(Roll No. 219)

Adams Otis Jr  
 Adams Calvin  
 Atwood Ira  
 Adams Abiel C  
 Anderson Elijah  
<sup>Brackley John</sup>  
 Bradford Henry  
 Blackford <sup>Clas</sup>  
<sup>Brackley Silas</sup>  
 Blake Edward  
<sup>Brackley Benjamin</sup>  
 Barnes Eben  
<sup>Barker Saml G.</sup>  
 Byam John  
 Blood Geo. H.  
 Butterfield Stephen  
 Byam Wm A.  
 Burrows Wm F.  
 Battles Benj<sup>r</sup> P.  
 Battles Wm D.  
 Blaindell Otis  
 Blaindell Jacob Jr  
 Butterfield Jonas C.  
 Butterfield Ruben J.  
 Blodgett Fred E W  
 Bird Charles T.  
 Blanchard James P.  
 Byam Stillman  
 Bowers Sewall  
 Britton Jared B.  
 Buck Lucius A.  
 Barworth Henry E.  
 Blood Charles A.  
 Bird Henry M.  
 Beane Elijah D.  
 Buel Horace D.  
 Clark Carlos C.  
 Clark David P.  
 Corey George  
 Chamberlain Robt B. Jr  
 Carlin Silas  
 Church Joseph R.

Cunning Benjamin  
 Chapman John  
 Carlton Nathl E.  
 Coburn John B.  
 Clark Wm H.  
 Connolly James  
 Chamberlain John F.  
 Catham Robert  
 Sullivan Hildreth P.  
 Daburn Nathan P.  
 Dutton Ellbridge  
 Duren Wm H.  
 Davis Josiah R.  
 Duren Simon  
 Dutton Stephen  
 Durant Thomas  
 Dean Joshua  
 Davis Amos  
 Darnan Nathaniel  
 Dexter David  
 Dexter Bartlett W.  
 Edmunds P. W.  
 Edmunds T. L.  
 Ebert Geo. M.  
 Edwards Isaias  
 Flint Warren  
 Fletcher Josiah R.  
 Fletcher Joseph M.  
 Fletcher Wm.  
 Furber Geo. D.  
 Fletcher Robert  
 Farwell Asa T.  
 Fletcher Jonathan T.  
 Farr John H.  
 Fletcher George



Kerrin Henry R.  
 Key Edwin J.  
 Gallagher John  
 Gerrish T. M.  
 Gleason Stephen  
 Gubb Thomas  
 Glower David R.  
 Goss John T.  
 Griffin Moses  
 Grams Albert  
 Grow Alonzo.  
 Grew Frederick S.  
 Gee Willard L.

Holmes Wm S.  
 Hyde Charles  
 Hyde George  
 Harrington Cornelius  
 Howard Samuel  
 Harwood Rufus  
 Hayward Samuel R.  
 Hamblitt Reuben R.  
 Hartwell Geo. H.  
 Hamilton Horace  
 Horsefall Charles  
 Harris James  
 Hale Calvin G.  
 Hodgman Alvah  
 Hodgman Romans  
 Hunter Gilman  
 Hodges Benj. F.  
 Hallett John A.  
 Howe Ivory H.  
 Hildreth Edward B.  
 Hunt Samuel C. Jr.  
 Hildreth Benj. M.  
 Harrington John  
 Hildreth Ebenel

James Archibald R.  
 Johnson Thomas  
 Johnson Richard  
 Jones John  
 Johnson Horace  
 Jones Jeremiah S.  
 Jones Charles P.  
 Josselyn Edwin  
 Johnson John R.  
 King James  
 Kennon Willard M.  
 Kendall Isaac F.  
 Kendall John B.  
 Keyes Marcus  
 Kendall Geo. W.  
 Kneettle Geo. S.  
 Kittredge Joel C.  
 Kneettle Daniel  
 Kneettle Francis  
 King Samuel  
 Kimball Edson  
 Kneettle Joseph W.  
 Kneettle Anthony  
 Lindsey Benjamin  
 Lyon Joseph E.  
 Lapham William  
 Langley Jonas B.  
 Lathrop Wilcom  
 Lyon George  
 Maud Albert G.  
 Mose Seneca P.  
 Moore Ashbel  
 Marshall Eben H.  
 Moore Marshall  
 Moore Thomas  
 Morse Silas B.

Manning William  
 Mead Franklin  
 Marshall Benj<sup>r</sup> P.  
 Marshall Rufus L.  
 Moulton Horatio S.  
 Mills George  
 Black Charles H.  
 Morrison Josiah T.  
 Merriam S. G.  
 McIntire Geo. W.  
 McIntire Elbridge  
 McIntire Amos B.  
 Moore Ephraim S.  
 McIntire Salmon  
 Moulton Wm R.  
 Murdoch Saul G.

Nickles Stephen Jr  
 Naylor Joseph  
 Naylor John

Osgood Thomas T.  
 Osgood Augustus

Page Horace M.  
 Proctor Henry B.  
 Proctor Charles  
 Parker Willard  
 Parkhurst Josiah S.<sup>t</sup>  
 Perham Percy P.  
 Rice Mito  
 Perham Samuel P.  
 Perham David C.  
 Parker Daniel A.  
 Parker Charles  
 Parker Henry  
 Proctor Daniel Jr

Parkhurst Warren S.  
 Philbrick Stephen  
 Packard Barnabas  
 Pierce Orland O.  
 Salome Moses P.  
 Powers John  
 Perkins Albert  
 Parker Francis B.  
 Parkhurst John 2<sup>d</sup>  
 Pray Abram P.  
 Voe Thomas  
 Pearl Franklin F.  
 Pennington Isaac  
 Pearson Samuel W.  
 Pollard Dawson  
 Richardson Wm D.  
 Rice Julius E.  
 Robbins James  
 Rand Geo W.  
 Ripley Steam  
 Sheldon George T.  
 Silver Harvey  
 Smith John H.  
 Smith William  
 Ephraim P. Spalding  
 Elbridge P. Spalding  
 Shed John S.  
 Shaw Gilman  
 Spalding Benj<sup>r</sup> Jr  
 Spalding Al  
 Spalding Samuel V.  
 Spalding Edward C.  
 Sweetser Charles  
 Spalding Isaiah Byrum  
 Stocker Samuel  
 Smith Joseph W.



Shackford Elbridge G.  
Smith Charles K.  
Spalding Elbridge G.  
Spalding Asa  
Spalding Jonathan  
Spalding Joel  
Savoye Avery D.

Tavel Amos  
Tull Levi  
Towner Matthews T.  
Towler Jackson  
Torrey Francis B.  
Torrey Geo L.

Upham Ezra A  
Upham Clement  
Whittemore James  
Wilson Supply C.  
Wilson Daniel  
Watson Jones M.  
Watkins Wm L.  
Wood Geo. S.  
Wynnan Josiah A.  
Warren Edwin H.  
Willoughby John F.  
Wilson Stephen M.  
Wightman H. W. B.  
Woodman Elbridge G.  
Wentworth Moses  
Waring John

Whole number enrolled

249.

Olin Adams ) Assessor  
Joseph Reed ) of  
Elisha Straw ) Chatham

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk

## Warrant

Middleres In Court Charles Proctor one of  
 the Constables of the town of Chelmsford - writing  
 In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 you are hereby required to notify & warn the inhab-  
 itants of said town, qualified by the Constitution to vote  
 in elections to general & assembly at the town hall in  
 Chelmsford on the eleventh day of November next at  
 seven o'clock in the forenoon to bring in their votes  
 to the selectmen for Governor & State Officers of  
 said Commonwealth, and for six Senators for the  
 district of Middlesex on one ballot - Also for  
 a Representative to the thirty second Congress of  
 the United States for District No. three. Also  
 for a Representative to the next general Court of  
 said Commonwealth to be held at Boston on the  
 first Wednesday of January next for said town

Polls to be opened at ten o'clock the forenoon  
 And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting  
 up an attested copy hereof at each of the public  
 Meeting Houses (excepting the Centre Baptist) and at  
 the Tavern of Arnold Bunt all in said town, so  
 that the same may stand two Sabbaths previous to  
 the time of holding the meeting aforesaid

Hereof fail not, and make due return  
 of this warrant, with your doings thereon to ourselves  
 at the time & place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands at said Chelmsford  
 this twenty fourth day of October in the year of our  
 Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty

Eli Adams } Selectmen  
 Joseph Reed }  
 Elisha Shaw } Chelmsford

Middleres In Court Nov. 11. 1850 I have served the within  
 warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at each  
 of the public Meeting Houses (excepting the Centre Baptist) and  
 at the Tavern of Arnold Bunt all in said Chelmsford  
 two Sabbaths previous to the time of holding the meeting

Charles Proctor Constable of Chelmsford



Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of  
 Southwick in the County of Pittsfield in the  
 State of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote  
 for Governor and Deputies, on the  
 Eleventh day of November, being the second Monday  
 of said Month, in the year of our Lord one thousand  
 Eight hundred and fifty, for the purpose of giving  
 in this respectance to the Constitution of the  
 Commonwealth, the whole number of persons who  
 were in that vote was counted, and directed by the  
 said State of Massachusetts, by counting the number  
 of votes cast for each person, and the total number of  
 ballots was Three Hundred - 300

And the votes given in for Governor were sorted,  
 counted & recorded, and declaration thereof made as by  
 the Constitution is directed; and said vote was for the  
 following persons viz.

For Governor

|                     |                        |     |
|---------------------|------------------------|-----|
| George N. Briggs    | one hundred thirty one | 131 |
| George S. Boutwell  | one hundred thirteen   | 113 |
| Stephen C. Phillips | forty four             | 44  |
| Francis Cogswell    | twelve                 | 12  |

Oliver Adams } Selectmen  
 Joseph Reed }  
 Elisha Shaw } Chelmsford

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk

A legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of  
Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth  
of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for  
Governor and Lieutenant Governor, holden on the Eleventh  
day of November, being the second Monday of said month,  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and fifty, for the purpose of giving in their votes for  
Governor and Lieutenant Governor of said Commonwealth  
the whole number of persons who gave in their votes  
was ascertained, as is directed in the Revised Statute  
(Chapter Sec. 13) by counting the whole number of separate  
ballots given in, and the whole number of ballots was

Three hundred

300

And the votes given in for Lieutenant Governor were sorted, counted & recorded, and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed; and said votes were for the following persons; viz. -

John Reid one hundred thirty one - 131

Amasa Walker forty four 44

Henry W. Cushman <sup>one hundred &</sup> twenty five 125

Miss Adams } Solicitors  
 Joseph Reed } of  
 Miss Shaw } T. Edmunds

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk



## Commonwealth of Massachusetts

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of  
 Milford, in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth  
 of Massachusetts qualified by the Constitution to vote for  
 Senators holden on the eleventh day of November being  
 the second Monday of said month in the year of our  
 Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty for the purpose  
 of giving in their votes for Senators for the District of Mid-  
 dlesex the whole number of persons who gave in their votes  
 was ascertained as is directed in the Revised Statutes  
 (Chap 4. Sec 13) by counting the number of separate ball-  
 ots given in and the whole number of ballots was  
 two hundred ninety nine — 299

And the votes were sorted counted and recorded and de-  
 clARATION thereof made as by the Constitution is directed  
 and said votes were for the following persons viz -

|                    |                          |     |
|--------------------|--------------------------|-----|
| Joseph T. Bunker   | one hundred sixty nine   | 169 |
| John W. Graves     | one hundred sixty nine   | 169 |
| Henry Wilson       | one hundred sixty nine   | 169 |
| Leke Wellington    | one hundred sixty nine   | 169 |
| Nathaniel P. Banks | one hundred seventy      | 170 |
| James W. W. W.     | one hundred sixty nine   | 169 |
| Samuel Hoar        | one hundred thirty       | 130 |
| Horace Bartlett    | one hundred twenty eight | 128 |
| Henry P. Fairbanks | one hundred thirty       | 130 |
| Uriah Chamberlain  | one hundred thirty       | 130 |
| John Baynton       | one hundred thirty       | 130 |
| Josiah Rutter      | one hundred thirty       | 130 |

Otis Adams } Selectmen  
 Joseph Reed } of  
 Eliza Shaw } Chelmsford

Recorded by E. T. White Town Clerk

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The legal meeting of the Freeholders of the town of  
 Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth  
 of Massachusetts qualified by the Constitution to vote for  
 Representatives in the General Court held on the  
 nineteenth day of November being the second Monday of said  
 month in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty  
 for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative  
 of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United -  
 States for District Number three. The whole num-  
 ber of persons who gave in their votes was ascertained  
 as is directed in the Revised Statutes (Chap 4 Sec 13)  
 by counting the number of separate ballots given in and  
 the whole number of ballots was Two hundred &  
 eighty two

And the whole number of votes given in was sorted  
 counted, recorded and declaration thereof made as by  
 Law is directed; and said votes were for the following  
 persons; viz.

|                     |                          |     |
|---------------------|--------------------------|-----|
| Alpheus R. Brown    | one hundred & nine       | 109 |
| Thomas W. Higginson | forty five               | 45  |
| James H. Duncanson  | one hundred twenty eight | 128 |

|             |                                  |
|-------------|----------------------------------|
| Otis Adams  | } Solicitors<br>of<br>Chelmsford |
| Joseph Rind |                                  |
| Elisha Shaw |                                  |

Recorded by E. H. Wilbur T. Clerk



At a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford qualified to vote in Elections holden on the eleventh day of November A.D. 1830. being the second Monday of said month, the following proceedings were had to wit:—

The Polls were opened for Governor Lieut Governor Senator, Representation to Congress & town Representation at 10 O'clock A.M. & the Selectmen gave notice that the Polls for town representation would be closed at 2 1/2 O'clock P.M. & for the other officers as soon after as the votes for representation were counted

The Polls for town representation were closed at the time notified, & the votes being sorted, counted & declared were as follows — Whole number of ballots was 292. Necessary for a choice 146

Jacob Stevens had 160 & sixty = 160  
 & was chosen & accepted  
 Ziba Gay — one hundred thirty one 131  
 E. Wilster — one 1

The Polls for Gov. Lieut Gov. Senators & representation to Congress for said No. 3. were then closed, for the result see ante — sealed in open meeting voted to dissolve the meeting

(O. Adams } Selectmen  
 Joseph L. Reed }  
 Elisha Shaw } of Chelmsford

Recorded by E. F. Wilster Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of  
 the town of Chelmsford in the County of  
 Middlesex, & Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 qualified, <sup>by the constitution</sup> to vote for Representatives in the Genl.  
 Court, holden on the twentieth day of Jan-  
 uary, being the third Monday of said month  
 in the year one thousand Eight hundred &  
 fifty one, for the purpose of giving in their  
 votes for a Representative of said Commonwealth  
 in the Congress of the United States, for  
 District No. three

The whole number of persons who gave  
 in their votes was ascertained as is directed  
 in the Revised Statutes, [Chap. 4, Sec. 13] by  
 counting the number of separate ballots  
 given in, and the whole number of ballots  
 was one hundred & thirty six

And the whole number of  
 votes given in, was sorted, counted, recorded,  
 and declaration thereof made as by law  
 is directed; and said votes were for the  
 following persons; viz: —

James H. Duncan had seventy five votes  
 75

Alfred R. Brown - forty seven votes  
 47

Thomas W. Higginson - fourteen votes  
 14

Otis Selam  
 Elsie Shaw  
 Joseph Reed

The warrant set next page





from the town hall the result of  
 the meeting was as follows  
 and the result of the meeting was as follows

Oliver Adams } Selectman of  
 Joseph Reed } Chelmsford

Middlesex St. January 11<sup>th</sup> 1837. I have served the  
 writ in manner by putting up stated copies of  
 the same at each of the public meeting houses (except  
 the Centre Baptist) and one at Arnold Bury all  
 in said town two sabbaths before the time of  
 holding this meeting

Charles Proctor Constable  
 of Chelmsford

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the whole  
 estate of said town qualified to vote in Elections and  
 in town affairs met at the Town Hall on Monday  
 the 20<sup>th</sup> day of January A.D. 1837 and proceeded  
 as follows to wit

Opened the Polls for members of Congress at  
 1 1/2 O'clock P.M.

At 2 O'clock opened the meeting for town  
 affairs

Chose Charles T. Bird Moderator

Took up the 2<sup>d</sup> article and on motion  
 being made to pay the Committee named  
 in said article the sum of \$874.30 it was  
 decided in the negative

Took up the 3<sup>d</sup> article

Voted to appropriate a sum not exceeding one hundred  
 dollars for removing the seats in the town Hall  
 and putting in moveable seats or settlers

Voted To choose a Committee to make the alteration

Chose Hager Joseph Manning Edmund Swift  
 & Dr J. C. Bartlett said Committee

Voted to dissolve the meeting for town affairs

Closed the Polls for Representatives to Congress. For  
 the result of the balloting, see ante page 396

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Recorded by

E. F. Webster Town Clerk



Warrant

William P. Allen (Charles Butler) Constable of  
the town of Chelmsford  
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,  
you are hereby required to notify & warn the Inhabitants  
of said town qualified by law to vote for  
town officers & in town affairs to meet & assemble  
at the town hall in said town on Monday the third  
day of March next at nine of the clock in the  
forenoon for the purpose of acting on the following  
articles viz:

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator
- 2<sup>d</sup> To choose all necessary town officers for the  
year ensuing.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> To vote for a Treasurer for the town of  
Middlesex
- 4<sup>th</sup> To vote for a Register of Deeds for said County
- 5<sup>th</sup> To decide in what way & manner the roads and  
Bridges shall be repaired the ensuing year
- 6<sup>th</sup> To hear the Reports of the various Committees  
chosen at former Meetings and act thereon
- 7<sup>th</sup> To raise money for the support of roads, School,  
Poor, and all other town Charges
- 8<sup>th</sup> At the request of Arnold Burtt, to see  
if the town will vote to set the property  
lately purchased by him of Benjamin Blood  
& School District No. 8, on act thereon
- 9<sup>th</sup> At the Request of Doct. J. C. Bartlett and  
others, to see if the town will establish two  
High Schools in said town, one at the Centre  
of the town and one at North Chelmsford, or  
act thereon
- 10<sup>th</sup> At the request of Charles S. Frost & others  
that the sense of the town be taken in regard  
to a division of the same. The line of division  
as follows viz: Beginning at a Stone monument  
on the line between Chelmsford & Lowell, on the  
road leading from Middlesex Village to Amy  
Marshalls, running in a straight line to a

400 Annual town meeting. Court<sup>th</sup> March 1851

Large Scotch Pine tree standing on the  
N. side of the south side of the road at the corner  
of E. L. Spalding and Isaiah Spalding  
straight line to Westford line; and a line  
that runs from the corner of the road

and from the corner of the road by posting up  
attested copies thereof agreeably to the vote of  
the town - Hereof fail not, and make due  
return of this Warrant with your doings thereon  
to the town Clerk at the time of Meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this second day  
of February in the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and fifty one

Oli Adams }  
Joseph Reed } Selectmen of  
Elisha Shaw } Chelmsford

Witness in law 22<sup>nd</sup> 1851. I have served  
the within Warrant by posting up attested  
copies of the same at each of the public meeting  
houses (except the Unit<sup>an</sup> Baptist) and also at  
the Tavern of Arnold Burt - all in said Town  
so that the same may stand over two sabbaths  
previous to the time of holding this meeting  
Charles Procter Constable  
of Chelmsford



It was a legal meeting at the order of the  
 Town of Cheshire, for the purpose of a Town Meeting  
 held on the 3<sup>d</sup> day of March A.D. 1851, being  
 the first Monday of said month, the following  
 votes were passed and proceedings had, to wit:

Chose Isaac Otis Adams Moderator

At 10<sup>th</sup> O'clock A.M. The Palls were opened  
 for the Chain of Town Clerk, Selectmen, County  
 Treasurer & Register of Deeds

Chose Eli F. Webster Town Clerk who was duly sworn by  
 the Moderator in open town meeting

Chose Joseph Reed & Elisha Shaw Selectmen, who  
 declined serving

Voted To choose a Committee of five to select candidates  
 for Selectmen

Chose Charles T. Bird, Joseph Manning, Geo. Benjamin  
 Adams, Joseph Reed Esq & Joseph Manning  
 said Committee

Chose Joseph Manning Town Treasurer  
 Chose Shereiah Spalding Jr B. F. Hadger & Sewall  
 Parkhurst Assessors of the Poor all declined  
 serving - but offered to accept

Voted That the same Committee to whom was referred the  
 matter of selecting Candidates for Selectmen,  
 also select candidates for Assessors of the Poor

Voted To choose two Constables

Ballotted for Constables, & on sorting & counting the  
 votes it appeared that Henry B. Proctor was  
 duly chosen, & none other

Voted To add two more Constables

Voted To choose a Committee of three to select a  
 list of Candidates for Constables

Chose Alpheus Spalding Esq Henry B. Bird &  
 Samuel Tyler said Committee

Chose Eli F. Webster Silas Gay Jr & Saml D. Hadley  
 Selectmen & assessors

Voted To adjourn the meeting 45 minutes

Met according to adjournment

Chose Silas C. Gurgin Marshall Moore & Percy  
 Perham Constables

1102 Annual Town Meeting Contd.

Voted To choose three persons as Superintending School Committee

Chose East Levi Howard, Litch Jay Jr & Rev. C. W. Mellen  
Superintending School Committee

Litch Jay Jr declined serving

Voted to refer the further chain of School Committee to the  
next town meeting

Chose Alfred Proctor, Henry Parker, Thomas  
Mellen, John M. Mellen, Charles Smith  
Small Bowers, Christopher Koley, Henry Abbott  
Joseph Chamberlain, Wm. S. Byam and  
Salmon McEntin. Highway Surveyors

Voted To choose five members of Hay

Chose Stephen Mutt, Geo. T. Shelden, Geo. Howard  
J. R. Fletcher & H. P. Guttan

Chose Saml. S. Parkhurst, Gideon Pollard, E. P. Parker  
S. P. Hadley - John S. Spel - J. K. Parkhurst  
Stephen Bowers - James Stearns, John Laneon  
James Whittemore, Geo. W. Woodward, Geo. S. Wood  
Shelden members of Lumber

Chose S. S. Parkhurst - James Stearns - Stillman Byam  
Shadrach Spalding Jr - Josiah Byam - Thos.  
Marshall B. J. Spalding - James Whittemore  
S. P. Hadley - Gideon Pollard - Wm. Sweett  
Stephen Bowers - Thos. J. Adams - Geo. S.  
Wood - Geo. S. Shelden & H. P. Guttan  
members of wood & bark

Chose Benjamin Fiske, Parker Marshall, John  
Lytle Fletcher, James B. Coburn & Daniel Dexter  
Field Driver

Chose Benjamin Fiske, S. G. Mellen, Solomon  
E. Byam & Oliver Adams fence viewers

Voted To choose a committee of three persons to make  
the annual Settlement with the Treasurer

Chose Joseph Warren, Daniel Parker Esq. and  
Genl. Benjamin Adams, said committee



- Chose Joseph Manning & Sherburne Spalding &  
Charles Sumner Appraisers of property  
at the Almshouse
- Voted to repair the roads & bridges in the same  
way & manner as last year.
- Heard the Report of the Appraisers of property at  
the Almshouse
- Voted to accept the Report
- Heard the Report of the Com. on the State of the  
Treasury
- Voted to accept the Report
- Voted to instruct the Committee appointed to make the  
next annual Settlement with the Treasurer  
to ascertain as nearly as possible the State  
the Finances of the town
- Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow  
\$1500 & with that sum & other money in  
the Treasury, take up the town's note at  
the Savings Bank at Concord, if he  
should deem it expedient so
- Voted To raise six hundred dollars by a labor  
tax to repair the roads & bridges, \$600
- Voted To raise two thousand dollars for the  
Support of Schools \$2000.00
- Voted To raise the sum of twenty five hundred  
dollars for town charge including  
the Poor \$2500.00
- Voted That the Overseers of the Poor be authorized  
to make such repairs on the Sabbey for  
confining turbulent & refractory persons as  
they may deem advisable
- The Board of Overseers previously chosen  
to wit: Sherburne Spalding, B. F. Hodges  
& Sewall Parkhurst agreed to accept  
the office
- Voted to set off that part of the real estate of  
Arnold Burr recently purchased of  
Benjamin Blood & lying in School District  
No. 11 - and annex the same to District No. 8.

voted That \$200. of the School money be placed in the hands of the Selectmen, to be appropriated by them to the smaller districts in such sums as each may deem expedient and equitable -

Ordered the Tolls for County Treasurer & also for Register of Deeds, & also for selectmen to them were for

| County Treasurer      |                   |  |    |
|-----------------------|-------------------|--|----|
| for Steadman Buttrick | sixty eight votes |  | 68 |
| for John S. Keyes     | forty one votes   |  | 41 |
| Register of Deeds     |                   |  |    |
| for Caleb Handman     | fifty five votes  |  | 55 |
| for Samuel Hill       | fifty seven votes |  | 57 |

voted to dismiss the 10<sup>th</sup> article in the warrant  
voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest Adams Mod  
Recorded by E. F. Wilster Town Clerk



List of persons whose names are required, with a record of the date of their appointment

Edw. W. Lister (Clerk sworn by ...)  
A. H. White } Selectmen  
L. B. Gage }  
Saml. P. Hadley } Assessors  
Henry B. Proctor }  
Silas C. Dyer, Jr } Constables  
Percy Perkins }  
Marshall Moore }

Alfred Brown  
Henry Parker  
Thomas Marshall  
Thomas Moore  
Charles Smith  
Sewall Bowers

Christopher Robt.  
Henry C. Abbott  
Isaac Adams  
Joseph Adams  
John Adams  
William Adams

Adolphus Burt  
Geo. T. Sheldon  
Olis Howard  
R. H. Holbrook  
H. P. Sutton

Benjamin Fiske  
Parker Marshall  
John S. Holbrook  
James A. Coburn  
Samuel Dexter

Benjamin Fiske  
George H. Adams  
John A. Adams  
Isaac Adams

Highway Surveyors  
Wardens  
Masters of  
Sailors  
Firemen  
Winners

11. *Sworn April 7. 1851*  
Lawson Pollard

*Sworn March 8. 1851*  
P. [unclear]  
A. P. Hadley

*Sworn April 7. 1851*  
A. [unclear]  
R. Parkhurst

*Sworn March 21. 1851*  
Jabez Strawn

*Sworn March 8. 1851*  
Stillman Bryan

*Sworn March 8. 1851*  
Geo. T. Sheldon  
Geo. S. Wood

*Sworn March 27. 1851*  
J. S. Parkhurst  
Jabez Strawn

*Sworn April 7. 1851*  
Stillman Bryan  
Sheniah Spalding

*Sworn April 7. 1851*  
James Whitmore  
S. P. Hadley

*Sworn April 7. 1851*  
Lawson Pollard  
Wm. Stett

*Sworn April 7. 1851*  
Stephen Bowers  
Augustus E. Spalding }  
~~John F. [unclear]~~ }  
~~John F. [unclear]~~ }  
~~John F. [unclear]~~ }

*Sworn March 23. 1851*  
Geo. T. Sheldon

*Sworn March 6. 1851*  
H. P. Deaton

*Sworn March 8. 1851*  
B. J. Spalding

Sworn  
March

Sworn  
April



|                                 |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Interest on interest            | 1067.57    |
| " not on interest               | 191.80     |
| Probable interest on loan debt  | 146.68     |
| Estimated bills not presented   | 24.80      |
| Amount loan and on loan on date | 3300.00    |
|                                 | \$ 4471.35 |

There is now cash on the  
 Treasury ) 1123.12

|                          |   |        |
|--------------------------|---|--------|
| Due from Mrs. [unclear]  | } | 111.57 |
| Collector for [unclear]  |   |        |
| Balances in favor of the |   | 149.45 |
| From the [unclear] a/c   |   |        |

Wm Adams  
 Joseph Waring } Committee  
 S. P. Perham }

The Committee Chosen by the Town of Chelmsford at their annual meeting in March 1855 for the purpose of appraising the Personal Property at the Town Poor Farm, have attended to that duty & present the following inventory of said Property 1855.

|                                |        |                           |       |
|--------------------------------|--------|---------------------------|-------|
| Value of oxen                  | 88 00  | 6 meal boxes              | 2.00  |
| 11 Cows with calf              | 120 00 | 11 ox yokes               | 6.00  |
| 2 Winter Cows                  | 40 00  | 6 Hay forks               | 1.30  |
| 1 Horse                        | 20 00  | 9 Rakes                   | 1.30  |
| 18 Towels                      | 4 50   | 1 Horse & 82 pair         | .50   |
| Amount of live stock \$249.50  |        | 1 Wagon Harness           | 4.00  |
| 11 Tons of English Hay         | 121 00 | 1 Carding & Brush         | .50   |
| 3 1/2 " Stock "                | 23 50  | 3 Manure forks            | 3.00  |
| 1/2 " Hay Straw                | 3 00   | 2 Shovels                 | .50   |
| 32 Bushels Corn                | 27 20  | 4 Harrow Hoes             | 1.00  |
| Seed "                         | 1 50   | 5 Hoes                    | 1.25  |
| 1 1/2 " Hay                    | 1 00   | 7 " & 4 " "               | 2.30  |
| 4 1/2 " Meal                   | 4 00   | 1 Butch & 4 " "           | 1.00  |
| Amount of Hay & grain \$159.20 |        | 2 Iron Bars               | 2.00  |
| 1/2 Bbl Flour                  | 2 75   | 4 Draw Chains             | 4.00  |
| 140 lbs Flour                  | 15 20  | Horse fetters             | .50   |
| 89 " Lard                      | 8 90   | 6 Baskets                 | 1.50  |
| 50 <sup>th</sup> Dried Apple   | 2 00   | 1 Set Dry measure         | .40   |
| 58 <sup>th</sup> Butter        | 9 66   | 3 ox muzzles              | .33   |
| 92 <sup>th</sup> Cheese        | 5 98   | 1 Shovel & horse          | .75   |
| 3 small Potatoes               | 3 50   | 1 Plow harness            | 20.00 |
| 7 " Small "                    | 1 75   | 1 Buffalo Rope            | 1.30  |
| Salad Cucumbers                | 2 00   | 1 Farm Wagon              | 15.00 |
| 3 Bbl Apples                   | 4 50   | 1 Hay wagon Body & ladder | 3.00  |
| Onions                         | 80     | 1 Sleigh                  | 20.00 |
| 500 Salt Beef                  | 36 00  | 1 old sled                | 1.00  |
| 2 1/2 Bbl Salt Pork            | 40 00  | 1 ox Cart                 | 8.00  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> Sausage       | 1 00   | 1 Horse Sled              | 6.00  |
| 2 Bush Beans                   | 3 00   | 1 Plow harness            | 3.00  |
| Amount of eatable \$138.14     |        | 1 Wood saw                | .75   |
| 2 grain Chicks                 | 5 00   | 3 Cast Iron Moulds        | 10.00 |
| 3 Pecks Grass seed             | 2 50   | 1 Harrow                  | 5.00  |



|                                     |       |                          |       |
|-------------------------------------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| 1 Salt Horse                        | 15    | 3 Horse                  | .30   |
| 1 Saddle                            | 25    | 5 Cornbushets            | .80   |
| 2 Saddle                            | 35    | 11 Cloths Washed         | .15   |
| 6 1/2 Bbl. Soap                     | 10 00 | 1 Cloth Basket           | .40   |
| 8 1/2 Bbl. & 4 1/2 Bbl.             | 6 00  | 8. Six Cloth pins        | .15   |
| 2 Half Bbl.                         | 30    | 3 Salt Mortar            | .30   |
| 2 Keg                               | 33    | 1 Chopping knives        | .30   |
| 28 1/2 Boards Wood fitted for 10 ft | 71 25 | 3 1/2 Iron & 2 feet      | 1.00  |
| 1 1/2 in. Wire                      | 3 00  | 1 Box & 2 sets 8 ft      | 1.30  |
| 3 Saws & 2 Saws                     | 1 25  | 1 Gold metal box & ring  | 2.75  |
| 1 1/2 in. Saws                      | 5 00  | 3 Meat hook knives       | .30   |
| 1 1/2 in. Saws                      | 5 50  | 16 Five 1/2 in.          | .35   |
| 2 Saws & 1 Saws                     | 1 00  | 7 Table Spoons           | .30   |
| 2 Nail Hammer                       | 25    | 1 1/2 loaf Sander        | .30   |
| 2 pr Pins                           | 50    | 2 Dish tubs              | .50   |
| 3 Anger, 2 Chisel & 5 Crowding      | 1 00  | 2 pr. Pliers             | .20   |
| 1 Mangle Trap, & 1 Hatch safe       | 50    | 2 Milk cans              | .50   |
| 1 1/2 Bbl. soap                     | 6 00  | 41 pins Tin ware         | 1.75  |
| 1 1/2 in. Tallow                    | 6 21  | 2 Pewee Porringers       | .30   |
| 2 Green Candles                     | 3 20  | 2 " Basins               | .60   |
| 16 Trunks                           | 7 00  | 9 Wooden Pails           | 1.25  |
| 16 Chests                           | 5 00  | 2 Map Handles            | .40   |
| 11 Tables                           | 6 50  | 2 Stone Pots             | .75   |
| 3 Light Stands                      | 25    | 1 Tray                   | .30   |
| 35 Chairs                           | 5 00  | 2 pr Flat Iron           | 1.00  |
| 3 Rocking Chairs                    | 1 00  | 4 Meal bags              | .50   |
| 1 Cabinet                           | 1 00  | 7 Wash Tubs              | 3.75  |
| 15 Nest Boxes                       | 1 25  | 6 Looking Glasses        | 1.00  |
| 13 Earthen Pot.                     | 80    | 1 Iron Soap              | .25   |
| 8 " Pans                            | 75    | 2 Clocks                 | 3.00  |
| 32 tin                              | 4 80  | 2 Umbrellas              | 1.00  |
| 7 Jugs                              | 1 00  | 1 Churn                  | 2.00  |
| 16 Lard tubs                        | 76 00 | 1 Churn Press            | 1.00  |
| 14 Bedsteads & 2 ropes              | 4 25  | 3 Sickles                | .75   |
| 1 Rust pan                          | 25    | 28 Bed Quilts & blankets | 25.00 |
| 1 Warming pan                       | 1 00  | 11 Comforters            | 5.00  |
| 1 Bed                               | 1 00  | 52 Sheet.                | 10.00 |

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|--------------------|------|-------------------------|-------------|
| 33 pe Silver Case  | 1 30 | 1 pe Steelyard          | , 25        |
| 7 Table Cloth      | 3 00 | 4 Brass Kettles         | 6. 00       |
| 2 Blanketing Stove | 1 00 | 2 do                    | 1. 00       |
| 1 Fire sell        | 3 00 | 6 Glass, Tin & Crockery | 3. 00       |
| 2 Glass Lamps      | 33   | 1 Coffee Mill           | , 40        |
| 1 Oil Cloth        | 25   | 1 Cripple Sauer         | 1. 00       |
| 10000 Knives       | 12   | 17 Dry Cakes            | 1. 30       |
| 1 Spoon            | 2 00 | Library                 | 4. 00       |
|                    |      | Total amount            | \$ 1136. 18 |

The above is respectfully submitted by

Chelmsford }  
 July 25. 1851 }  
 Isaac Hodyman 2<sup>d</sup> }  
 Joseph Manning } Appraisers

March 3/51 In Town meeting, read & accepted

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk

## April Meeting - April 7. 1851 (Warrant)

Indismissible - To either of the Constables of the Town of Chelmsford - Greeting  
 In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts -  
 doth, you are hereby required to notify & warn the Inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall on Monday the seventh day of April next at one of the Clock in the afternoon & act on the following article to wit: -

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator
- 2 To fill all vacant town offices
- 3 To hear the report of the Superintending School Committee, or any other Committee heretofore appointed & act thereon
- 4<sup>th</sup> To take into consideration the Petition of B. H. Foster & others for a road from Bowyer's Hill, so called, to Pine or Branch Street in Lowell and act thereon



3. At the request of William Blodgett and others - To see if the town was under the obligation of the bill now pending in the Senate to repair the several roads from North Tisbury to the Canal bridge.

And we are directed to serve this warrant according to law & the votes of said town.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings, to the town clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands, this twenty fourth day of March in the year Eighteen hundred & fifty one

A. F. Wilcox }  
 Samuel P. Hadley } Selectmen  
 Ziba Gay Jr } of Chelmsford

Middlesex Co - March 28. 1831

I have served the within warrant by pasting up attested copies of the same at each of the public meeting houses & at Burth's house, so that the same may stand over two sabbaths before the time of holding this meeting.

R. P. Perham } Constable of  
 } Chelmsford

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford, qualified to vote in town affairs held on Sunday the 7th day of April A.D. 1831, the following votes were passed & proceedings had to wit:

Chose Maj. Joseph Manning Moderator  
 Chose Isaac Adams Highway Surveyor in place of Joseph Chamberlain - who declined serving  
 Opened the Polls for the Chose of two members of the Superintending School Committee  
 Closed the Polls, & on sorting & counting the votes it appeared that Rev. B. F. Clark was duly chosen & none other.  
 Rev. W. Mellen, who was chosen at the March Meeting appeared & declined serving  
 Proceeded again to Chose two School Committee  
 Chose Dr. J. C. Bartlett & Rev. J. L. Boomer  
 Dr. Bartlett declined  
 Chose Dr. N. B. Edwards who accepted  
 The board was then declared full, & was as follows:

|                   |                                         |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Rev. B. F. Clark  | } Superintending<br>School<br>Committee |
| " J. L. Boomer &  |                                         |
| Dr. N. B. Edwards |                                         |

Chose Augustus E. Shalding measurer of wood & Bark in place of Thos J. Adams - declined  
 Heard the Report of the School Committee  
 Voted to accept the Report  
 Voted that the Collector of taxes be required to pay into the Treasury a sum not less than 700 dollars on or before the 1st day of August next, and that he allow, & be allowed 4 per cent on all money collected & paid in to the Treasury on or before that day -  
 Voted that the Collector shall complete the collection of all the taxes, and pay the same into the Treasury on or before the Friday next preceeding the first Monday of March next. And nothing



shall be allowed said Collector for collecting any tax after that day and he shall be required to pay interest and all sums due from him to the Town after said Friday next preceding the first Monday of March next

Voted That the Collection of taxes for 1851 be now set up at auction to the lowest bidder whom the town will accept

The Collection of the taxes was bid off by Moses Griffin at 180 per cent. <sup>1.8</sup> <sup>cents</sup> <sup>on the dollar</sup>

Chose Moses Griffin Collector. <sup>Signed June 25<sup>th</sup> 1851</sup>

Voted To choose a Committee of three by ballot to oppose the road petitioned for by B. F. Foster & others, unless said petitioners will guarantee to indemnify the town for all expenses for building said road

Chose Genl. Benjamin Adams, Isaac Peter & Solomon & Capt. Ira Hodgman 2<sup>d</sup> said Committee

Voted to refer the 5<sup>th</sup> article to the selectmen

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Joseph Manning, Moderator

Recorded by E. F. Weston Town Clerk

for the year 1851.

Whole no. 294

Adam  
Adam Isaac  
Adam Thos  
Adam Talbot W  
Adam Blair  
Andrew Eliza  
Allen J. H.  
Allen Wm  
Allen George



Duncan W. /  
 Decker Stephen  
 Dugan Elias C.  
 Dugan A. H.  
 Dugan H. J.  
 Dunn C. L.  
 Dunn Thomas  
 Dunn William  
 Dyer C.  
 Dyer J. S.  
 Dyer Thomas

[illegible]

Tooke George M.  
 Toole S. R.  
 Tolson Joseph M.  
 Fletcher Robert  
 Fletcher Wm. E.  
 Toole George  
 Toole Timothy  
 Toole Geo. L.  
 Toole John J.  
 Toole Charles S.  
 Toole Levi  
 Toole J. H.  
 Toomey Asa J.

Gibson & Stephens  
Greenwich New  
Haven Ct.  
May 11. 18

William Lloyd  
you and I,  
Grew & Adams  
William C.  
George & Susan  
Gay & Nina  
Latham & Anne  
Lucy & H. L.  
Gerrit & H. H.  
you & I & S.

Wright, George  
Zalmon  
Jones Charles P.  
Yassilgye George  
Yassilgye John H. R.  
Jones Jeremiah P.

Kimball Edison  
Kimball Andrew  
Kimball H.  
Kimball George R.  
Kimball Anthony R.  
Kimball Joseph R.  
King Samuel  
Kinman O.  
Kenna Michael C.  
Kitch Wm  
Kelley Edward  
Kendall J. M.  
Kendall J. B.  
Kendall J. F.  
Knowles David S.  
King James

Lyon George  
Leach Marshall  
Leavitt Geo W.  
Littlehall S. S.  
Lathrop W. J.  
Lawson C. H.  
Lord J.

Mr John Ellridge  
Mr John Harris  
Mr John A. Smith  
Mr John George  
Mr John W. B.  
Mr Ephraim

Moore B. D.  
Marshall Eben H.  
Marshall Rufus D.  
Marshall B. P.  
Mosse Silas B.  
Morse Albert G.  
Munger Henry  
Madden Daniel  
Madden Timothy  
Mack Chas. H.  
Mills George  
McGlaughlin Hiram S.  
McGlaughlin George  
Mory Milan  
Naylor Joseph  
Naylor John  
Napton Samuel  
Nichols R. C.  
Nichols Page

Oakes Eliah  
Oakes Wm  
Osgood Augustus S.

Parker Samuel G.  
Parker Lucius  
Parker Henry  
Parker Charles  
Parker David S.  
Parker Willard  
Parker Thaddeus  
Parker G. C.  
Palmer H. S.  
Parkhurst John S.  
Parkhurst Gustav C.  
Parkhurst Wm. A.  
Parkhurst J. S.  
Page Horace A.



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Warrant collecting Aug 23. 1837  
(Warrant)

Middlesex/87. To wit the Constable of  
the town of Chelmsford - Greeting  
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
you are hereby required to notify & warn the  
Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford  
qualified to vote in town affairs to meet  
at the town Hall on Monday the twenty-fifth  
day of August instant at two of the  
Clock in the afternoon to act on the  
following articles to wit:-

- 1<sup>st</sup> To Choose a Moderator
- 2<sup>d</sup> To take into consideration the notice of the  
County Commissioners on the petition of  
H. B. Proctor & others, and act thereon

And you are directed to serve this  
warrant by posting up attested copies thereof  
at each of the public meeting houses except the  
Centre Baptist / and one at the tavern of Reuben  
Simpson, so that the same may stand two Sabbaths  
prior to the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return  
of this Warrant with your doings thereon  
to the town Clerk at or before the time  
of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this  
fourth day of August in the year  
Eighteen hundred and fifty one

E. F. Weston } Selectmen  
Saul P. Hadley } of  
Diba Gay Jr } Chelmsford

Middlesex/87 Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> 1837.

I have served this Warrant  
by posting up attested copies thereof as within  
directed, so that they stand over two Sabbaths  
before the time appointed for holding said  
meeting

H. B. Proctor Constable of  
Chelmsford.



At a meeting of the Freeholders of the  
Town of Chelmsford, qualified to vote in town  
affairs, legally warned & held on the  
23<sup>rd</sup> day of August A.D. 1831, the  
following votes were passed & proceedings  
had

Chose Deac. Otis Adams Moderator

Voted That a Committee, be appointed to oppose the  
laying out of any new piece of way or extension  
of the road between the Centre of Chelmsford and  
the Canal bridge near the house of Isaac Shepard  
in the petition of H. B. Proctor & John Foye -

But if the petitioners only require new bounds  
to be established where they now are or may be  
considered doubtful, the Committee are requested  
to signify the assent of the town thereto

Voted That the committee consist of three persons

Chose Samuel P. Hadley, Liza Gray Jr and Otis Adams  
said committee

Voted To dissolve the meeting

Otis Adams Moderator

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk

Annual Election Nov 11 1831

## Warrant

Middlesex ss: To either of the constables of the Town of Chelmsford - Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify & warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford, qualified to vote in Election to meet at the town hall, in said Chelmsford on Monday the tenth day of November next (being the second Monday of said month) at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to bring in <sup>their</sup> votes, for a Governor, & Lieutenant, Governor of this Commonwealth, for six senators for the County of Middlesex & for a Town Representative in the next General Court, all in one sealed envelope, - And also, to bring in their votes upon the following question, viz: "Is it expedient that delegates should be chosen to meet in convention for the purpose of revising or altering the Constitution of Government of this Commonwealth?"

The polls to be opened at ten O'clock

A. M.

And you are likewise required to notify & warn the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the same place at one o'clock in the afternoon of the same day, to act on the following articles to wit:

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator
- 2<sup>nd</sup> At the request of Thomas Durant and others "To see if the town will vote to unite School Districts numbered Eight & Eleven - The property & liabilities of the two districts to become the property & liabilities of the united district - Said district to be known as Union-District number Eight of Chelmsford."
- 3<sup>rd</sup> To take into consideration the notice of the petition of Charles Blood and others to the next General Court. Praying for a division of said town of Chelmsford - and act thereon



Warrant, continue

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up true and attested copies thereof at each of the Public meeting houses (excepting the centre Baptist) and one at the house of Reuben Simpson, all in said town, so that the same may stand two sabbaths prior to the time of holding said Meetings,

And if fail not, and make due return of this to ourselves, at or before the time of holding said Meetings -

Given under our hands this fourth fifth day of October in the year Eighteen Hundred and fifty one,

E. H. Webster } Selectmen  
Saml. P. Hadley }  
Ziba Gay jr } Chelmsford

Middlesex ss Chelmsford Nov 1<sup>st</sup> / 51

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the town of Chelmsford, herein described, to meet at the time & place, and for the purposes within mentioned, by posting attested copies of this Warrant as within directed so the same may stand two sabbaths prior to the time of holding said Meetings,

W. B. Proctor }  
Constable of }  
Chelmsford }

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, on the tenth day of November, being the second Monday of said month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty one for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of said Commonwealth, the whole number of persons who gave in their votes was ascertained, as is directed in the Revised Statutes (Chap 4, Sec 13) according to the whole number of separate ballots given in; and the whole number of ballots was, three hundred and thirty seven

And the whole number of votes given in for Governor were sorted, counted and recorded, and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed; and said votes were for the following persons, viz:-

- George S. Boutwell had one hundred & sixty three
- Robert C. Winthrop " one hundred & forty six
- John G. Palfrey " twenty eight

163  
146  
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E. F. Webster } Tellers  
Saml. P. Hadley }  
Ziba Gay Jr } of Chelmsford

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk

Nov 10 1851



Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the  
 town of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex &  
 Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the  
 constitution to vote for Governor and Lieutenant  
 Governor, holden on the tenth day of November  
 being the second Monday of said month in the year  
 of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty one  
 for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor  
 and Lieutenant Governor of said Commonwealth  
 the whole number of persons who gave in their  
 votes was ascertained, as is directed in the  
 Revised Statutes (Chap 4, Sec 13) by counting the  
 whole number of separate ballots given in; and  
 the whole number of ballots was three  
 hundred and thirty seven

And the whole number of votes given in for  
 Lieutenant Governor were serial counted & recorded  
 and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution  
 is directed; and said votes were for the following  
 persons; viz:-

Henry McGowan had one hundred sixty three

George Grennell had one hundred & forty six

Amasa Walker " twenty eight

E. F. Webster } Selectman  
 S. P. Hadley }  
 Leba Gay } of Chelmsford

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk

For Lieutenant Governor

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Chelsea  
 in the County of Middlesex and in accordance with the provisions  
 contained in the constitution to vote for senators, holden on the tenth  
 day of November, being the second Monday of said month, in the year  
 one thousand three hundred and fifty one, the  
 persons being in their votes for Senators for the District of  
 Middlesex, the whole number of persons who were in their votes  
 ascertained, as is directed in the Revised Statutes (Part 4,  
 Sec. 3) counting the number of separate ballots given in,  
 and the whole number of ballots was Three hundred  
 and thirty six

And the whole number of votes were sorted, counted & recorded  
 and declaration thereof made as by constitution is directed & all  
 said votes were for the following persons: viz: -

|                     |                           |     |
|---------------------|---------------------------|-----|
| Charles C. Hoadwell | had one hundred & ninety  | 190 |
| Henry Wilson        | one hundred & eighty nine | 189 |
| Thomas W. Bear      | one hundred & sixty eight | 168 |
| Amos Burlingame     | one hundred & ninety      | 190 |
| Joseph Fuller       | one hundred & ninety      | 190 |
| Samuel E. Sewall    | one hundred & ninety      | 190 |
| Charles Train       | one hundred & forty six   | 146 |
| Elisha Huntington   | one hundred & forty five  | 145 |
| Henry P. Fairbanks  | one hundred & forty six   | 146 |
| John Boynton        | one hundred & forty six   | 146 |
| Josiah Rutter       | one hundred & forty six   | 146 |
| Amos Chamberlain    | one hundred & forty six   | 146 |
| A. R. Brown         | Twenty three              | 23  |
| B. F. Butler        | one                       | 1   |
| J. G. Abbott        | one                       | 1   |

E. F. Webster ( ) Selectman  
 Samuel P. Hadley ( ) of  
 Lila Gay Jr. ( ) Chelmsford

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk

Nov. 10 1851



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Pursuant to an Act of the General Court of the Commonwealth approved by the Governor, May 24th 1831 entitled "An Act relating to the calling a Convention of Delegates of the People for the purpose of revising the Constitution" - The inhabitants of the Town of Chelsea qualified at the first meeting or Representation in the General Court, being duly convened, at a meeting legally warned and held on the second Monday of November current, being the 11th day of said month, for the purpose of giving in their votes upon the following question, viz: "Is it expedient that delegates should be chosen to meet in Convention for the purpose of revising or altering the Constitution of Government of this Commonwealth?" - and the result was as follows: Ayes 162  
 Noes one hundred & sixty two  
 Ayes one hundred & forty nine 149

E. F. Webster }  
 Samuel P. Hadley }  
 Liba Gay } Selectmen

Recorded by E. F. Webster Town Clerk

For Calling a Convention

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Cheshamford, qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November A.D. 1851 the following votes were passed and proceedings had to wit:— After reading the law passed May 22-1851. intitled an act for the better security of the ballot, the Polls were opened for the choice of Governor & Lieut Governor of this Commonwealth, for six Senators for the district of Middlesex & for town Representatives, and also for receiving the Yeas & nays on the question "Is it expedient to call a convention for the purpose of revising, amending, & altering the Constitution of this Commonwealth," at 10 O'clock A.M.

At 3/4 past one O'clock P.M. The meeting for town business was opened and chose Charles F. Bird Moderator  
 Voted To unite School districts numbered Eight & Eleven

Voted To choose a Committee of three by ballot, to oppose the division of the town as Petitioned for by Charles Blood and others

Chose Maj Joseph Manning—Joseph Warner Jr & Joseph Reed Esq. said Committee

Voted to dissolve the meeting for town affairs

At 4 O'clock P.M. the Polls were closed for State & County officers, & for town representation

The votes being sorted, counted, recorded, & declaration thereof made were as follows— For a town

Representation. Whole no. of votes 329

Joseph Reed Esq. had 176 & was elected.

Genl. Benjamin Adams " 10

Joseph Warner Jr " 57

Asa Hadgman 2<sup>d</sup> one J.W. Smith two. Amos Carlton one

Est. Webster one, and Maj Joseph Manning one. each

For the other votes see pgs 422 to 425 inclusive)

Recorded by Est. Webster Town Clerk



Middlesex ss. We the Justices of the Peace of the County of Chelmsford, bearing in the name of the Queen, do hereby require the Justices of the Peace of said County, to meet the Town Hall in said town on Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, instant, at two o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles, to-wit:-

1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator.

2<sup>nd</sup> At the request of C<sup>ts</sup> Adams and others to see if the Town will pledge their credit in obtaining a loan to enable school District No 1 in said town to pay the expenses of building the new school house in said district.

3<sup>rd</sup> At the request of Benj<sup>r</sup> Adams and others to see if the Town will reconsider the vote passed at the December meeting concerning a committee to oppose the Petition for a division of the town, annul the same or take any action thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant according to law & the votes of said Town designating the manner of calling town meetings. If you fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doing, return to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December in the year Eighteen hundred & fifty one

E. Webster

Samuel P. Hadley

Wm. Gay Jr

} Justices  
} of  
Chelmsford

Middlesex ss. Chelmsford Dec 12 1851

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford, herein described, to meet at the time & place and for the purposes within mentioned by the said warrant.

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allied copy of the warrant, at each of the  
public meeting houses (except the centre  
Baptist) in said town and at the town  
of broken weapons, so that some may find  
two rabbits, before the time of holding said  
meeting,

At a meeting of the Constable & the officers  
recorded by E. H. Webster, Town Clerk

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At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of  
the town of Chatham, qualified to vote in town  
affairs called & held on Monday December 22<sup>nd</sup> 1861  
the following votes were passed & proceedings had to wit

Meeting called to order & warrant read by  
Nehemiah Gay Jr. Selectman

E. H. Webster Esq. Town Clerk being sick H. W. B.  
Wightman was chosen Town Clerk pro tempore  
& duly sworn

On Article 1<sup>st</sup> Chose Charles V. Bird Moderator

On Article 2<sup>nd</sup>, The Town voted not to pledge  
their credit for the purposes named in said article

On Article 3<sup>rd</sup> Voted not to reconsider the vote  
passed at the town meeting in accordance with  
the request of Benj. Eldam & C

Voted that the meeting be dissolved

H. W. B. Wightman

Town Clerk

5 30 P.M.

Recorded by E. H. Webster, Town Clerk



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